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Russell family's distress at sick photo 'competition' to release murderer Stone

THE father whose wife and daughter were savagely killed with a hammer 13 years ago has reacted with "dismay" at a "photographic competition" offering £10,000 for evidence to clear the man twice found guilty of their brutal murders.

Dr Shaun Russell, now living in Wales, spoke exclusively to Kent on Sunday about the obscene offer.

His wife Lin, 45, and daughter Megan, six, were killed in a brutal attack by Michael Stone which left another daughter Josie, who was nine, fighting for her life.

She eventually survived after a long battle in hospital. They were attacked as they walked home from the girls' school. The family dog Lucy was also killed.

Dr Russell, an expert in biodiversity, conservation and ecology, said: "To say I am dismayed that such an offer should be made is quite right."

He said ever since he lost his wife and young daughter in the Chillenden murders, he and

EXCLUSIVE

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

Josie have been plagued by crank callers and conspiracy theorists.

A basic website is on the internet called info-textmanuscripts, is run by a man called Alexander Baron from Sydenham.

He says another of his websites, called IsMichaelStoneGuilty.l.info, is offering the money. Baron writes the site "is offering a reward of £10,000 in an unusual photographic competition". He says the cash will be paid by



DAUGHTER: Josie Russell survived the attack



MURDER: Michael Stone killed two people

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TONIGHT: It will be dry but with mainly cloudy skies. Light south-easterly winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

	C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	sun	13 35	London	sun	18 64
Belfast	sun	21 70	Liverpool	sun	23 73
Birmingham	showers	17 63	Manchester	sun	20 68
Bristol	sun	21 70	Newcastle	showers	18 64
Cardiff	sun	17 63	Nottingham	sun	22 72
Coventry	sun	19 66	Oxford	sun	22 72
Cork	showers	16 61	Southampton	sun	21 70
Edinburgh	showers	18 64	Sheffield	sun	18 64
Glasgow	showers	17 63	Southport	sun	21 70
Isle of Man	sun	19 66	Swansea	cloudy	18 64
Leeds	sun	19 66	Torquay	cloudy	18 64

Sun & moon

Sunrise 4:37am Sunset 8:15pm Lighting up time 8:15pm to 4:38am
Moonrise 12:18am Moonset 11:18am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
Dover	08:42 5.7 16:08 5.9	04:27 5.5 16:49 5.7
Margate	04:48 4.1 16:43 4.3	05:39 4.0 17:39 4.0
St Mary's	06:29 4.5 21:63 4.7	10:16 4.4 22:42 4.6

Week ahead

monday Mainly dry, max 20C min 11C	thursday Mostly dry, max 20C min 12C
tuesday Showers, max 18C min 10C	friday Variable cloud, max 20C min 12C
wednesday Sunny, max 21C min 11C	saturday Sunny spells, max 21C min 11C

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Pandemic alert as more swine flu cases confirmed

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THE sixth case of swine flu has been confirmed in Kent as the outbreak was declared the first global pandemic in 41 years.

People in the South East, where by Friday there had been 80 cases of the virus so far, were told "not to panic" but be "hygiene-aware".

The World Health Organisation (WHO) said the alert phase for swine flu had been raised from five to six, which is the highest level, after an emergency meeting on Thursday. It means the virus is spreading in at least two regions of the world. Infections have been rising in Australia, Japan, Chile and the UK.

Dr Yvonne Doyle, director of public health for NHS South East Coast, told Kent on Sunday: "Essentially it will not mean very much locally. What will happen still is that people who have the flu will be treated and there will be the same sort of surveillance and the same sort of messages."

The WHO said the decision does not necessarily mean swine flu is causing more severe illness or more deaths.

"Absolutely," Dr Doyle said, "it is still a mild disease as far as we can see. This is a confirmation that it has now spread in two regions in the world."

In Kent two cases of swine flu was confirmed in the east of the county on Friday. One involved a child returning from America, and the other an individual who had travelled abroad. Both are now being treated with antiviral medicines.

Their cases join one other in east Kent, which involved a schoolboy linked to the outbreak at Eton College in Berkshire. Another Etonian was among the cases in west Kent, as well as a man who had recently returned from abroad. Swine flu (H1N1) emerged from Mexico in April.

It has now spread to 74 countries and infect-

Health chiefs urge good hygiene, common sense and vaccinations



TAKE COVER: A combination of seasonal flu and swine flu will make preventative measures crucial as the autumn arrives

ed nearly 30,000 people, resulting in 141 deaths. Australia, which is entering its flu season, has seen a sharp rise in cases and experts believe there could be a surge in cases in the UK this autumn. Dr Doyle said the NHS was preparing for the winter flu season and looking at how seasonal flu would be dealt with alongside swine flu. "There is work on a vac-

cine and by late autumn there may be one. The point is that it depends on whether the virus remains the same and does not change. The important message is to encourage those who can have the seasonal vaccine to have it so they are not at risk from two types of flu."

She said the spread of swine flu was influenced by schools and the main age group of those infected was the under-19s.

"If people are concerned they can contact their GP or NHS Direct for information," she said.

"It is a mixed message because swine flu is mild and people shouldn't be unduly worried."

"But it is important people do what they can to protect themselves and practise good hygiene. Don't panic, but be sensible and hygiene-aware."

"If you think you are unwell, it's very helpful if you quarantine yourself and keep away from others."

People are advised to always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes. Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing. Always throw away tissues immediately after use.

Frequent hand-washing is advised with soap and water to reduce the spread of infection, as well as cleaning hard surfaces such as door handles using normal cleaning products.

Parents have been urged to ensure their children follow the same advice.

Dr Doyle added: "The control and surveillance is going well and people are prepared."

NHS South East Coast is the strategic health authority covering Kent, Surrey and Sussex. For more information about swine flu, visit www.nhs.uk or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1513513.

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My meningitis nightmare, by Apprentice's Lorraine

APPRENTICE star Lorraine Tighe has told how dealing with boardroom battles and sleaze stories is easy compared with helping your child fight a killer disease, **writes Steve Knight**.

The 36-year-old from Bromley, who was slated by the national press throughout her stay on the BBC TV show, says her daughter Alexia's brush with death after contracting meningitis has given her a clearer outlook on the things that truly matter.

She told Kent on Sunday: "Although some of the stories were very hurtful, most of it was water off a duck's back because the situation with Alexia was by far the worst I've ever found myself in. It was an absolute nightmare and it's taken me a long, long time to recover.

"I've suffered from deep depression since then and I've never been able to sleep the same since. What's ironic is that of all the contenders on The Apprentice, I was the one who least wanted to be famous. I was there for the job, so to receive that level of media attention is just extraordinary.

"I'm so not the swinger or sexual predator I've been made out to be, but I think that's why they print those things, because they make the most sensational headlines."

Alexia was just two-and-a-half when she was struck down by meningitis B, which is the most serious form of the disease and can claim the life of its victim in less than four hours. Doctors put her survival down to the speed in which Lorraine reacted to her now five-year-old daughter's symptoms.

She said: "I put her to bed as usual at 9pm



TOUGH TALK: But boardroom battles with Sir Alan were nothing compared with coping with a child seriously ill with meningitis, says The Apprentice's Lorraine Tighe

and she had no symptoms at all, but at 4am she was critically ill. I could tell by the way she was crying there was something very wrong, so I jumped out of bed quickly.

"She was very floppy and her eyes were not following my finger, which is a bad sign. Her temperature was sky-high as well.

"I called the emergency doctor but I could see she was about to fall unconscious, so I just raced to the hospital in my pyjamas.

"It was very lucky the doctor on call was a specialist in meningitis because he asked for her to be put on an intravenous drip and antibiotics even before she was properly diagnosed."

Despite doctors warning Lorraine and her then-husband Theo that the next six hours were critical, Alexia made a remarkable recovery and was discharged a fortnight later. Today the former national accounts

manager is using her fame to raise awareness of the disease and promote Meningitis UK's Search 4 A Vaccine campaign, which hopes to raise £7 million to fund research.

Lorraine said: "I always said that if I didn't win The Apprentice, my dream job was to be a professional fundraiser for a charity.

"I do a bit of personal charity work already, which I get a lot of joy out of. It's a natural way for me to use my fame and I'd be more than happy for any offers there may be out there."

Charities interested in hiring Lorraine can visit www.iamlorrainetighe.com.

Visit www.meningitisuk.org for more information about the Search 4 A Vaccine campaign.

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County Show to welcome Earl and Countess

THE Earl and Countess of Wessex will be attending the first day of this year's Kent County Show.

The Royal couple will meet some of the farmers, growers and producers who exhibit at the annual show, which will be marking its 80th anniversary.

David Goff, general manager, said: "The Royal family is hugely supportive of agricultural shows and it gives us great pleasure to welcome them to ours in Kent.

"We are delighted they have committed to a full day's itinerary and anticipate a warm welcome from visitors and exhibitors alike."

Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex and the Queen's youngest son, and his wife Sophie, the Countess, will watch more than 400 young farmers show cattle, sheep, pigs and pets.

The royal couple will be at the County Showground at Detling, near Maidstone, on Friday, July 17.

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Grief at tot's pond death

THE parents of a two-year-old boy who drowned after falling into a pond have spoken of their grief.

Sven Niels Peters-Price died in hospital after the accident at his home in Hollicondane Road, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

In a joint statement, mother Carol Price and father Sven Peters said they thought their pond was safe and had been designed with children in mind.

They said: "It is now being demolished as none of us can ever look at it again. It takes just a split second for them to disappear and a pond is one of the most dangerous things you can have when you have children.

"Our precious boy was out of our sight for a few minutes at most and we have to live with the guilt and anguish for the rest of our lives.

"Have a good sleep, little dude. You will

always be remembered and loved by us all."

Police were called to the family home at about 4.40pm and the toddler, who was born nine-and-a-half weeks premature, was taken by ambulance to the QEQM Hospital in Margate. He died just before 8pm despite desperate attempts to revive him.

Sven's parents said: "He made us so proud and we were blessed to have him after such a struggling start in life.

"He was a bright little boy and always happy, never sad. He loved his flowers and birds and you could be out with him and he would shout 'bird, flower'. He also loved his music and with every note heard he would start to dance away."

The toddler's death is the second such tragedy in the county in recent weeks. In May, three-year-old Freddie Watmough died after falling into a pond in Dover.



TRAGEDY: Toddler Sven

Battle of Britain heroes tribute

THE airmen who gave their lives in defence of their country are to be remembered at an annual service in Capel-le-Ferne next month.

The remaining 17 men who flew in RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain will gather on the cliff-top to remember fallen comrades.

They will be joined at the National Memorial by many other veterans, both service and civilian, who played their part in ending Axis hopes of an invasion. Admission to the service on Sunday, July 12, is free and gates open at 10.30am. The main events will run from 1.30pm.



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'Thirteen years later and this all carries on'

FAMILY MAN: Shaun Russell (right), and with his wife Lin and girls Josie and Megan



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a Sussex entrepreneur to anyone providing pictures or video of drug addict Stone in the Medway towns on Tuesday, July 9, 1996 – the day of the murder.

Baron writes: "We are interested in any photograph or film taken that day even if it cannot be authenticated – we will cross that bridge when we come to it."

And the website begs anyone who does have a picture not to get in touch with Kent Police.

Dr Russell said: "I am dismayed, but not surprised. Another website recently carried a transcript of the autopsy of my wife and child, which was a bit shocking to say the least."

He said the competition appeared to be trying to prove someone else carried out the murders.

He said: "But just offering £10,000 in the hope that someone could come up with a picture of Michael Stone at that time doesn't seem credible. Who would do that without wanting something more out of it?"

"I have to say nothing surprises me after years of cranks, weirdos, fanatics and crazies following my daughter and I around.

"Yes, I felt dismay, but not surprise because of the lengths people go to.

"You can forgive me for being a bit cynical in my old age after what we have been through."

Dr Russell said the chance of anyone coming up with conclusive evidence clearing Stone was slim, and he is sure the right man is behind bars.

There were claims another man called Levi Bellfield was the Chillingen killer, but no evidence ever emerged. The 41-year-old wheel clamber was jailed last year for a series of hammer murders of women in London.

There was no forensic evidence linking Stone to the murder. But given the lengthy judicial process, Dr Russell said he was convinced of Stone's guilt.

Evidence

He said: "There has been two jury trials, and appeals. The process has gone right through, people have believed the evidence witnesses have given in court.

"There was a massive pile of circumstantial evidence which is never thoroughly addressed by the people trying to prove Michael Stone's innocence.

"I have to go, in the absence of any better basis, on the findings of two complete trials which cost a huge amount of money, where the best legal brains are applied, and the decisions of the appeals judges. Thirteen years later and this all carries on."

One trial was told Stone, 49, confessed while on remand to another inmate. The court also heard Stone had gone to a friend's house with a blood-spattered T-shirt and later burned clothing.

Chillingen is in the constituency of Labour MP Gwyn Prosser. He too is shocked by the photographic contest.

He said: "This terrible attack and murder took place in my constituency nearly 13 years ago and two different juries on two different occasions have been convinced by the evidence that Michael Stone was the murderer – and in my book that makes him guilty.

"If verification of his presence in the Medway towns has not been forthcoming over all these years it's not likely to emerge now, and reducing this deadly serious matter to a photographic competition is to



invite all sorts of unauthenticated responses from all sorts of potty people and I think it should be discouraged."

The man who runs the website sent a curt response to Kent on Sunday after it was pointed out he had caused upset for the Russell family.

Baron likened Stone's case to that of teacher Sion Jenkins who was eventually cleared of the tent peg murder of his step-daughter Bille-Jo, 13, at their home in Hastings in 1997.

Baron wrote: "You can have four lines. Look at the massive evidence against Sion Jenkins, then look at the so-called evi-

upsetting to some people, although probably not to the Russell family.

"Any citizen who is convicted on the strength of a confession which simply repeats what has been published in the morning newspapers is bound to give rise to a miscarriage of justice. The Crown Prosecution Service and the police did not use an ounce of common sense in prosecuting Michael Stone, as anyone can readily understand if they read up on the case."

DR SHAUN RUSSELL has revealed that some disturbed people even want his family to help them with their problems.

He said: "One man has been trying to track my daughter down for six years and I had to keep him in my office for six hours after dark.

"He wanted to lock the door and not let me out because he was desperate. His parents had died – one had killed the other and he wanted to find out how Josie managed to get through it so well, whereas his life had fallen apart after it happened to him.

"So I had to do my best to keep this guy happy for six hours before he went off.

"But then he self-harmed himself and ended up in hospital later than night.

"The police and people who were trying to help him said that I really should not involve myself and be worried about him.

"When someone comes to me for help what can I do? He had phoned me up from hospital and asked me to take him a change of clothing because he had himself covered in blood after he'd hurt himself.

"This was just a couple of months ago – and as I say, this is happening 13 years on from when all this happened. We can't get beyond it, as you would not expect us to, but other people don't let us either."

dence against Michael Stone, and ask yourself honestly and objectively – why is Stone in prison. And why is Jenkins walking the street? Ta ta."

A little later, after the KoS pointed out Baron has not confronted the "competition" aspect, the paper received an email from www.MichaelStone.co.uk webmaster John Aidiniantz, based in Baker Street, London.

He wrote: "I think the 'competition' referred to should be regarded more as an appeal, as there are no 'winners' in helping to bring to justice a murderer. The CCRC (Criminal Cases Review Commission) is currently considering Stone's application to refer his conviction back to the Court of Appeal, which in itself may be considered

Fraud case hearing

A DOZEN people are set to appear in court to face charges of conspiracy to defraud a tour operator of around £235,000.

Kent Police arrested seven people in relation to attempts to defraud Thomas Cook in October last year. The arrests were made after reports of fraud involving holidays booked to Jamaica paid for using compromised credit cards.

Tomorrow, 12 people, 11 of them from Kent, will appear at Maidstone Crown Court after they were charged with fraud in April this year.

Gurkhas honoured

THE Gurkhas based in Kent will receive the Freedom of Folkestone at a special ceremony and parade next week.

The 2nd Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles will be awarded the honour in the town centre next Thursday.

Actress Joanna Lumley and local supporters from the Gurkhas Justice Campaign will also take part in the celebrations.

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World Cup legend tackling game at grassroots level in role as McDonald's director of football

Technology biggest threat to beautiful game, says Sir Geoff

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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WORLD Cup legend Sir Geoff Hurst says children's obsession with modern technology could hamper England's chances of success in future tournaments.

The 1966 hat-trick hero does not believe the current squad has enough strength in depth to succeed in South Africa next year if any of its top players are injured, and feels a lack of youngsters playing the sport could be to blame.

Speaking to Kent on Sunday ahead of a visit to Canterbury next Saturday, Sir Geoff said children today have a lot more activities to occupy themselves with than football.

He said: "Back in my day we had the simplistic system of kicking a ball around in the street, playing for your school team and then perhaps joining a professional club as an apprentice when you reached a certain age.

Pressure

"There wasn't as much pressure from coaches and parents back then, and yet that style developed players like Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore – men who would have made any team anywhere in the world.

"The trouble today is there are too many other distractions. The wizardry of Facebook, PlayStations and mobile telephones wasn't around in our day so playing football was all we used to do.

"The current England

team has some fantastic players like Frank Lampard, Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney, but they could quite easily get injured over the course of six or seven World Cup final games and there's not necessarily the strength in depth to replace them.

"That being said, I think Fabio Capello has turned the side round tremendously and they have the best possible chance of winning in South Africa next year. But it's impossible to predict how we'll get on because you just don't know what's going to happen."

As part of his role as McDonald's director of football, Sir Geoff will be appearing at an open day at the home of Sturry Juniors FC next Saturday.

The former West Ham United star, who remains the only player to have scored a hat-trick in a World Cup final, will be taking part in a Q&A session while the FA Community Shield will also be available for visitors to be photographed with.

Sir Geoff said the continued development of grassroots football was vital in giving the England team the best chance of success in the future.

He said: "The big news this week was Manchester United agreeing to sell Ronaldo for £80 million, which is an astronomical figure. But you don't become that valuable a player overnight, you have to work at it from a young age.

"Tiger Woods started playing golf when the clubs were bigger than he is, and the same can be said for Roger Federer with his tennis racquet. You have to learn these skills from a young age.

"At McDonald's our objective is to have 20,000 grassroots football coaches by 2010 and we're always trying to encourage young boys and girls to play it.



AMBASSADOR: Sir Geoff Hurst (above) clinches his hat-trick in 1966 and (left) in his current role as director of football for McDonald's, which aims to have 20,000 grassroots coaches by 2010

It's absolutely vital for the future of the sport in this country."

While Sir Geoff took home a World Cup winner's medal as well as the match ball after England's famous 4-2 victory over West Germany in 1966, the other squad members who did not play in the game were made to wait until this week to receive theirs.

He told Kent on Sunday the gesture had come not a moment too soon, adding: "The World Cup was not about the 11 players who started the final. It was about all 22 men who were in the squad.

"I was invited to the reception when they received their medals and I was very pleased for them. They should have been given them

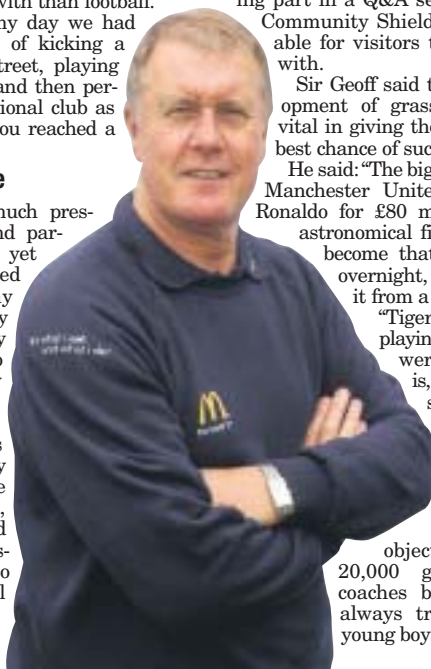
straight after the game like the rest of us, but I'm sure the wait was worth it."

Finally, when asked how he thought today's England side would compare with his team of heroes from 1966, Sir Geoff said he thought the game would be "fairly even".

He added: "I think the final score would probably be 1-1, but then you must remember most of my team-mates are in their 60s and 70s now."

• The McDonald's fun day will be held at Bretts Quarry, Fordwich Road, Sturry, between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, June 20.

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Tribute to fallen heroes

Families attend memorial unveiling at barracks

By **ANNA WHITE**

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A MEMORIAL has been unveiled at a Maidstone Army barracks to remember its soldiers who have died in combat.

The large memorial, carved from Portland stone, was unveiled by Major General AD Macklin, Colonel Commandant Royal Engineers, at the Invicta Army Barracks – home of the 36 Royal Engineers and the Queen's Royal Gurkhas.

The project was commissioned by the regiment on their return from Afghanistan in March last year, following the deaths of their comrades Lance Corporal Jake Alderton and Corporal Sean Violino, who were killed during the deployment.

L/Cpl Alderton, 22, from Bexley, died on November 9 after the vehicle he was travelling in rolled off a bridge near the town of Sangin in Helmand province.

L/Cpl Violino, 29, from Salford, whose real name was Ivano but was known as Sean, was killed on September 17 when an Army dump truck was hit by an explosion, also in Helmand province.

The regiment had already raised a large amount of money for their comrades' families, but their loved ones decided to hand the funds back to go towards a new memorial.

Both families were at the ceremony on Thursday morning, which was led by Rev Eric



FITTING TRIBUTE: Memorial at 36 Royal Engineers Barracks was unveiled at a ceremony attended by families of soldiers who died in Afghanistan (right)

Delve, serving soldiers, and the Mayor of Maidstone Peter Parvin.

L/Cpl Alderton's mother told reporters: "We have had good family support and a good support network, the Army has been very good and we all just hold each other up really."

"But we miss Jake dreadfully, the house is not the same without him – it never will be."

The young soldier's father said: "We are trying to move forward and we are working with the Help for Heroes closely. We feel that is something we can do positively."

"Those who are killed always get a lot of press and unfortunately those who are injured

and have their lives changed don't get a great deal of publicity."

"So anything we can do and these sorts of events are an opportunity to remind people that there is a very heavy price to pay for freedom."

"But these people that have been lost will never feel that their lives have been wasted as long as they know we are doing everything we can to ensure the work they have done and started is finished properly."

Cllr Daley described the ceremony and memorial as "beauty in its simplest form" and a "fitting memorial".



KILLED IN ACTION: Lt/Cpl Sean Alderton (left) and Lt/Cpl Sean Violino (right)

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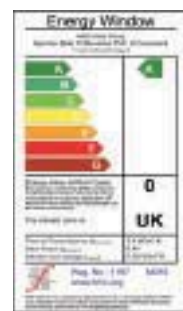
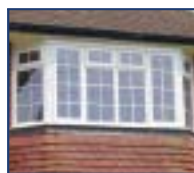
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Tourist route plan to save historic railway

Habour site could bring life to town

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Folkestone's historic harbour railway line are steaming ahead with ideas for a new heritage-based tourist attraction.

The Remembrance Line Association opposes plans for a new marina, university and 1,400 homes to be built on top of the existing station, which served millions of service personnel during both World Wars.

While the proposed redevelopment of the harbour has stalled in recent months, the campaigners are stepping up their efforts to



HOME BY THE SEA: Plans would turn the Remembrance Line into a tourist attraction

secure funding so they can purchase the line and bring classic trains back to the town.

Association chairman David Plumstead said: "If we can reinstate the station and the branch line and have trains visit from around the country, we can revitalise that part of Folkestone."

"There's so much dead in the town as

opposed to life. Shops are boarded up, the Rotunda amusement park is now an empty site, and it's just excruciating."

"We want to give Folkestone an injection of real interest, and an operating railway station with real steam engines would provide just that. The traders I spoke to before Network Rail closed the line in March told me that whenever the trains visited they noticed a big increase in business because people always come out to see them."

As well as re-opening the line, the association also wants to create a 'leaving for war' museum at the harbour as well as restore ferry links to France so visitors can travel to the battlefields.

Local businessman Roger de Haan is behind the plans to demolish the railway station, but his redevelopment project appears to be on hold until the current economic climate improves.

Mr Plumstead said: "To the best of my knowledge, nothing will be happening for the foreseeable future. But it's not for us to worry about what they're doing because we have our own goals to concentrate on."

Unbearable

"At the moment we're trying to get ourselves in a financial position to take over the responsibility of the line, and we're in the process of putting together various applications for funding."

"We have such a unique tourist attraction that other towns would give their eye-teeth for, so even the thought of it being demolished is unbearable."

The Remembrance Line Association currently has more than 300 members, but is appealing for more to join. A family membership costs £15 and a single £10, while pensioners only have to pay £5.

Mr Plumstead said: "Local people can help by joining our campaign and writing to Shepway council, their MP, the Department for Transport and Network Rail, letting them know the line and station should be preserved and kept open. Once it's gone it will be gone forever."

"I think our chances of taking it all over are good, not least because we have a fairly substantial amount of public support that is growing by the week. People can see sense in what we are trying to do."

Visit www.theremembranceline.org.uk for more information.



PRAYS: The Calling was part funded by KCC

Blethyn joy as new film up for festival award

A FILM that was made and produced in Kent has been nominated for a prestigious award at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

The Calling is one of nine films nominated for the Michael Powell Award for the Best British New Feature, which is an accolade named in honour of another great Kent film-maker.

Bafta award-winner Brenda Blethyn, who was born in Ramsgate, Golden Globe winners Rita Tushingham and Amanda Donohoe, and Academy Award nominated Susannah York are among the star-studded cast.

The film is set in modern-day Kent and follows the story of a young girl who wants to be a nun, played by newcomer Emily Beecham and has generated more than £500,000 into the Kent economy before even being screened.

Ms Blethyn, chair of Kent Film and Television Board, said: "This film's success puts Kent's creative talent on an international stage and as a Kent resident I'm especially proud to have been involved with it."

The Calling is the result of a pilot project between Ramsgate-based production company Maeve (Medb) Films and Kent County Council's Kent Film Office.

"I'm really thrilled that this film has been selected," the actress said. "The success of this pilot project shows what tremendous results a relatively small amount of funding can have."

Film-maker Jan Dunn, who wrote and directed the feature, said: "I'm delighted to be putting Kent on the map again with my second nomination for the Michael Powell Award after my first film, Gypo, was also shot entirely on location here. It's wonderful to receive recognition at this level and I think the pilot has been hugely successful for everyone involved as well as for the county of Kent." KCC provided £75,000 of funding for the film, which premieres next Sunday at Cineworld in Edinburgh.

The Kent Film Office has boosted the county's economy by £13 million in the three years since its launch.

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Drugs giving way to booze as new teenage addiction

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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ALCOHOL is increasingly becoming the drug of choice for young people, with a 10 per cent rise of the number of under-18s seeking addiction advice over the past year, new figures show.

Angela Slaven, director of youth services at Kent County Council, said while the number of people seeking help for under-age drinking was up, those experiencing problems with cannabis was down 26 per cent.

Young people getting help for addiction to 'other substances' such as ecstasy, heroin and cocaine fell by 47 per cent.

The figures came from the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT), of which Ms Slaven is also director, and are for the period 2007-08 and 2008-09.

"I think the principal driver is cheapness and there is evidence to suggest that it is to do with cultural and social norms," she said.

"Parents supply 17-year-olds and give their children alcohol, perhaps in the belief it is a way of managing it, but it could be exacerbating it."

As part of a BBC investigation this week, it was revealed that the number of young people seeking treatment for drug and alcohol problems had increased by 12 per cent over two years.

Figures obtained by the broadcaster from the National Treatment Agency showed 44 per cent more under-25s had problems with drugs like cannabis and cocaine, but heroin and crack addiction had gone down.

"Kent is different to the national picture and for whatever reason the drug of choice among young people is alcohol," Ms Slaven said. "It could be that young people do not consider alcohol to be a drug because part of our normal society."

Ms Slaven was speaking to Kent on Sunday to mark National Tackling Drugs Week, which ran from this Monday to Friday, she said while KDAAT was investing in alcohol addiction prevention schemes it had not taken its eyes off issues around drugs.

In Kent, 5,505 people under-18 accessed KDAAT services in 2007-08, which

CASE STUDY

A FORMER heroin and crack cocaine addict has told how he pulled himself out a 'drug abyss' and began to rebuild his life.

The 43-year-old, who lives in the Folkestone area, said his downward spiral into substance abuse and crime stemmed from a difficult and complicated childhood.

"My dad did not like me but I didn't understand why at the time. He would give my other brothers and sisters pocket money but not me. When I was about 10 or 11 I started nicking my mum's antidepressants like diazepam and started smoking pot and sniffing glue."

By the time he was 16 he had moved on to heroin, then crack cocaine and cocaine. He became trapped in the prison system for 15 years never able to break his re-offending cycle or to kick his drug habit.

At just 21 he served nine years for armed robbery. He was released from prison for the final time in 2003, and described himself as clean and the happiest he's ever been.

But tragically his mother died from pneumonia while recovering from a stroke in hospital and shortly afterwards his father died of cancer.

"When both my parents died I slipped back into the abyss," he said. "I hit them hard. I don't do things my half measures. I was going to die and I tried to commit suicide because of the pressure. I needed to get help."

It was at that ultimate low that he sought help from KCA (formerly the Kent Council for Addicts) and is now recovering from addiction and slowly reducing his reliance on opiate blocker medicine.

• (The addict told his story to Kent on Sunday on condition of anonymity.)

decreased to 5,007 for the last financial year.

Those referred for alcohol addiction increased from 169 to 192, while cannabis referrals went down from 374 to 276. But cannabis remains the drug that the most young people are seeking help for.

Ms Slaven said in Kent crack addiction was most prevalent in the Medway towns.

Secret meeting with drug-buster

A COLOMBIAN drugs-buster was the guest of honour at a top secret meeting of Kent Police and Home Office officials.

Ambassador Fernando Alzate visited the force's Maidstone headquarters this week to give a presentation on how global cocaine use was causing the destruction of his country's rainforests and decimating its wildlife.

He also shared with Kent Police, the first UK force he visited, his government's latest plans to beat the drug cartels that are tearing the South American nation apart.

Mr Alzate said at the gathering: "Colombia is one of the world's most diverse countries and now its biodiversity is under threat as a

result of the global consumption of cocaine. International co-operation and shared responsibility is needed. Shared responsibility is not about sharing blame, but finding solutions."

Mr Alzate's visit to Kent coincided with National Tackling Drugs Week, during which he also voiced his support for the force's ongoing cocaine awareness campaign. The initiative involves the use of projectors to beam anti-drug warnings onto public buildings.

Late-night drinkers in Maidstone were some of the first targeted when the town's crown court was lit up on Friday night.



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PETER FIRMIN



ARTIST and puppeteer Peter Firmin was the artistic creator behind many childhood favourites of the 60s and 70s such as Ivor the Engine, The Clangers and most famously Bagpuss.

Filmed from a farmyard barn in Blean, Canterbury, where he still lives, Firmin collaborated with the late Oliver Postgate to provide characters which warmed the hearts of children and adults alike.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

POLITICIAN and war-time Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, led Great Britain to victory in World War Two.

But away from the political spotlight, Churchill lived in a family home in Chartwell, two miles south of Westerham, with his wife Clementine and five children.

He became Prime Minister in 1940, and took the country through the war, building strong relations with America and maintaining an alliance with the Soviet Union.



DAME KELLY HOLMES



PEMBURY-born Dame Kelly Holmes made history in 2004, for a historic double Olympic gold medal wins in the 800m and 1500m at Athens.

She has also set numerous records for British athletics in 600, 800, 1,000 and 1500m distances.

As well as receiving numerous awards in 2005 she was knighted by the Queen upon her retirement from athletics.

CHARLES DARWIN

BORN 200 years ago in 1809, Charles Darwin was an eminent scientist famous for his work on the theory of evolution and natural selection.

Darwin resided at Down House, near Orpington, with his family for 40 years and it was there he researched and wrote his most famous and highly controversial work, On the Origin of Species.



WILLIAM HARVEY

BORN in Folkestone in 1578, William Harvey was an English physician who was first to correctly describe how blood was pumped around the body by the heart.

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The opposition parties have been routed – but who will hold Tories to account?



Last week, voters in the county council elections swept the Conservatives back into office with a huge majority. Labour's power base deserted the party in its hour of need, leaving it with just two councillors at County Hall. Leading figures from both sides – Tory group deputy leader Cllr **Alex King**, left, and ousted former Labour group leader **Mike Eddy**, right – reveal to Kent on Sunday what they believe the next four years hold for their parties, and for the people of Kent



'We'll scrutinise ourselves'

THE Conservatives don't need Labour and are capable of holding themselves to account, says Cllr Alex King.

Last week's local elections saw Labour lose all but two of the 20 seats it held at County Hall, while the Tories tightened their grip by snapping up 74 of the 84 slots available. The Lib Dems will be the largest opposition group, with just seven seats.

The results have left some wondering if KCC can operate effectively without a strong opposition holding it to account, but deputy leader Cllr King is confident the council will be fine.

He said: "It's always been the case that all members who are not part of the executive have a responsibility to hold the administration to account.

"You only have to look at past meetings of the scrutiny committee to see Conservative members have played as much a part in holding us to account as Labour has – and more effectively on occasions. It will take time for everything to fall into place as we have 20 new members who will have to adapt to the way we work, but I don't think there will be any problems. The test will be in four years' time."

Hours before jetting off to France to watch today's Le Mans 24-hour race, KCC leader Paul Carter was putting the finishing touches to his reshuffled cabinet.

Notable changes include Nick Chard replacing the long-serving Keith Ferrin as member for environment, highways and waste; and the return of Sarah Hohler

and Roger Gough to the executive, as members for children, families and education; and corporate support services and performance management, respectively.

There is also a surprising comeback for John Simmonds, who fell out with Cllr Carter and accused him of "Captain Marvel-style management" when he lost his job as education chief back in 2007.

But Cllr King said the problems between the two had since been ironed out. He said: "People differ from time to time and it's only natural, but Cllr Simmonds is a welcome addition to the cabinet.

"He's well placed to do the job he has been allocated (finance). His background and experience as a banker are certainly right for that position.

"Paul spoke to all the new members on Tuesday because he's trying to build an administration that uses all the talent and experience available."

Cllr Carter will announce other senior positions next week before being re-elected as leader at a full council meeting on June 25.

He is expected to use the opportunity to further outline the Tories' plans, most of which Cllr King said had been covered in the party's pre-election manifesto.

He added: "A lot of work needs to be done to make sure Kent comes through the recession in good shape and we will also be driving through our agendas on roads and education and making sure money is spent effectively. But one of the key things for us is to do the best job we can with what people can afford in terms of taxation and make sure we give value for money."



COUNT ON IT: Last week's vote

'The fightback begins now'

LABOUR in Kent is ready to fight back after its dismal performance in the county elections, according to the group's former leader.

As dust settles after the Tories' sweeping victory, Mike Eddy has reflected on the defeat and the way forward.

"The fightback has already begun," he said. "I'm not going to reveal our plans but they are beginning to emerge and we are about to come back.

"Working people have been kicked around long enough by the Tory squirearchy and the only way forward is to fight back."

Labour lost all but two of its 20 seats at County Hall after the poll on June 4. Mr Eddy had a gloomy vision of the future of the county under the Conservatives.

"One of the greatest disappointments is that we had to fight to make sure areas of greatest need got facilities, and resources were not diverted to leafier suburbs," he said.

"Now there is no opposition to that degree of diversion of Government funds and that is going to have a serious impact. People will come to regret that they did not turn out or voted for fringe parties.

"There is the increasing fractiousness of the Tories at County Hall and absolutely no scrutiny of what they do. There is no commitment to the realistic solving of problems. All we will see is a bit of spreading of patronage and none of that is going to be any good for Kent."

Cynical

He said the two Labour members, Ramsgate's Elizabeth Green and Leslie Christie for Northfleet and Gravesend West, would do their best with "very limited resources" to scrutinise the chamber. They also have to decide who will lead the 'group' at County Hall after the people of Deal failed to re-elect Mr Eddy.

Asked why the party failed to win support, he blamed "The Torygraph [Daily Telegraph] and its revelations about MPs expenses" and "the fatuous claims coming out in some local

papers about our Labour MPs".

"It was not Labour people with moated manors and duck houses," he said. "It had no effect on them whatsoever. If I was to be cynical and suggest that on the basis that the whole Tory concept of life is to make as much money as quickly as you can, then their supporters took the view they were being entrepreneurial."

Although Tory leader Paul Carter had hailed the election and the 40 per cent turnout as a "great day for democracy", Mr Eddy said: "Previously we've had the local elections coincide with the general election and the lowest turnout of any of the previous three was 66 per cent.

"This time it was 33 to 40 per cent. That is very low. It is not a major change as far as the Conservatives are concerned. To win a general election they will have score a lot higher than they did."

He said the people who had voted to give Gordon Brown a "kicking" had only punished hard-working Labour councillors. Mr Eddy also warned of warring within the Tory ranks at County Hall.

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Raids on gang alleged to have run web music scam

A WOMAN from Kent is among 10 people arrested and accused of running an international internet fraud which involved downloading their own songs.

Seven men and three women, including the 22-year-old from Dartford, are alleged to have made thousands from the scam.

Police said the gang made their own series of songs and allowed a US company to upload them to the popular internet music site iTunes, and also online retailer Amazon.

They would make a small profit from each download sold. But police said the gang used stolen credit cards to continually buy their

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own songs and raked in thousands in royalties. The Metropolitan Police linked up with America's FBI during the investigation.

It is alleged the gang spent five months buying the songs thousands of times, spending almost £500,000 on 1,500 stolen UK and US credit cards. Having spent £486,000 using the stolen cards, they received £187,000 in royalties. A team of 60 officers from the Met's central e-crime unit arrested the 10 in raids on addresses in London, Birmingham, Kent and Wolverhampton.

They were held at police stations in

London and the Midlands on suspicion of conspiracy to commit fraud and money laundering, and have now all been granted bail while investigations continue. Det Chief Insp Terry Wilson said: "This has been a complex investigation to establish what we believe to be an international conspiracy to defraud Apple and Amazon."

"This investigation shows the success that can be achieved through our close working relationship with the FBI."

"We are making it more risky for criminals who seek to exploit the internet."



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Prayer book match up for the faithful

VICARS who prefer to read from the Book of Common Prayer could soon be matched up with churchgoers who feel the same.

A new scheme launched by the Prayer Book Society (PBS) seeks to ensure parishioners accustomed to traditional sermons are not upset by new clergy reading from more modern compilations.

The group has begun to compile a list of vicars who have expressed a wish to work with such churchgoers when vacancies arise.

The Rev Fred Arvidsson is chaplain of the King's School, Canterbury, and a member of the PBS board of trustees.

He said: "There are some traditional parishes that would like their clergy to use the Book of Common Prayer and it can be difficult to find them sometimes."

"There are now many vicars who think the book is old-fashioned and not relevant to young people any more, but when they come in and start changing things it can upset certain parishioners."

First published in the 16th century during the reign of Edward VI, the Book of Common Prayer is associated today with the more traditional members of the Anglican Communion.

However, Mr Arvidsson said the pairing up of vicars with parishes had nothing to do with controversial Church of England issues such as homosexuality and women priests.

He said: "The PBS board of trustees has many different people of a variety of persuasions. People assume that because we are passionate about liturgy that we are all fundamentalists, but that's not the case at all."

New Deputy Lieutenants appointed

FIVE new Deputy Lieutenants of Kent have been appointed.

Lord Lieutenant Allan Willett CMG, the Queen's representative in the county, said: "Their depth and variety of experience will be an asset to the Lieutenancy. They are joining a network of fine men and women whose role it is to support the monarchy, celebrate Kent and contribute to its future." They are (pictured from left): John 'Algy' Cluff, chairman



and chief executive of Cluff Gold, who lives near Dover;

George Jessel, chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Society, from East Brabourne, near Ashford;



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FANTAZIAS: Fretwork will mark the 350th anniversary of the birth of Henry Purcell

Powerful performers at early music festival

CLASSICAL work composed by the likes of Handel and Vivaldi will form part of a festival of early music that starts this week.

Stour Music, which has been held annually since 1962 when it was started by counter-tenor Alfred Deller, will this year take place at All Saints' Church at Boughton Aluph, near Ashford.

Running this coming weekend, June 19-21, and the next, June 26-28, the festival brings powerful singers and talented musicians together and will be opened on Friday evening by three Norwegian sopranos known as Trio Mediaeval.

There will also be performances by the instrumental ensemble Charivari Agréable as well as by the young Sacconi

Quartet, who along with the Aurora Ensemble will play Beethoven's Septet and Schubert's Octet.

Much of the second weekend is devoted to the 17th century composer Henry Purcell, with the viol consort Fretwork signed up to play his complete set of Fantazias.

The popular Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment will also perform on the final Saturday with a programme of music by Corelli, Vivaldi, Torelli and Handel, while the final concert of the festival will be given by the Festival Choir and Orchestra. For ticket information and to book, call 01227 378188 or email boxoffice@canterbury.gov.uk. Alternatively, visit www.stourmusic.org.uk.

Biker's family tell of Isle of Man tragedy

Veteran rider dies during TT races trip with son

THE former wife of a motorcyclist has spoken of her distress after learning he had been killed on the Isle of Man where he was to watch the world-famous TT races, *writes Chris Murphy*.

He had crashed into a road-sweeping lorry and died at the scene. Fred Matterface, 66, from Minster-on-Sea, on the Isle of Sheppey, was on the island as a spectator with his son Gary, 46.

But now instead of enjoying the races, Gary has to cope with his father's death and arrange for his body to be returned to Kent.

Ex-wife Theresa lives near Mr Matterface's home, where he lived alone.

She said: "Although I am the first of two ex-wives, we remained close friends. He lived nearby and we saw each other almost every day. If I didn't see him, he would be on the phone to make sure I was okay and to have a chat. It was lovely to be like that - it makes life easier and is better for the children. We also have a daughter, Julie Williams."

Mrs Matterface, who helps Age Concern, said: "He had been riding bikes all his life and was very safe. Fred and Gary had been to the beach and were on their way back to the hotel. Gary was in front and had just gone around a corner. Fred was next and he used his front brake to slow down. The bike just got away from him and fell."

"He skidded across the road and into the path of the road-sweeper. They weren't speeding. It just seems like a freak accident. I haven't quite come to terms with it yet. It all seems a little unreal."

The accident happened at Ballasteen Farm in Andreas. Police said there was a collision involving a red Honda ridden by Mr Matterface and a Ford Iveco Scarab road-sweeper owned by the Department of Transport. The lorry driver was uninjured.

An inquest was held on Thursday by coroner Michael Moyle, in Douglas, on the Isle of Man. The coroner was told Mr Matterface was a biker with 50 years' experience.

A postmortem examination showed the retired scaffolder died from multiple injuries. The coroner was told the father and son had arrived on the island by ferry from Heysham that morning and checked into a hotel before heading north.

Condolences

Gary Matterface was riding in front as they headed out of Andreas towards Sulby. He told the inquest he recalled negotiating a right-hand bend, followed by a left-hand bend shortly after, which he said caught him out and he found himself heading towards the wrong side of the road.

Gary said he realised the Scarab road-sweeper travelling the other direction had touched its brakes. When he checked his mirrors, his father wasn't there.

Initially he thought his father had gone through a hedge, but then saw his crash helmet sticking out from under the lorry.

He told the inquest: "In my mind I knew what had happened. I didn't want to go back. I was still expecting him to dust himself off."

Mr Matterface was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sweeper driver Michael Corkill recalled seeing the two bikes heading towards him, the second

ridden by Fred Matterface.

Mr Corkill said: "The bike just slipped from underneath him."

The machine hit the sweeper's front offside wing and he lost sight of the rider. Mr Corkill said the sun was behind him and may have been a factor in the incident.

Mr Matterface had been riding motorbikes since he was 16. He bought his Honda a year ago and did his own maintenance.

PC Paul Dugdale said there was no evidence anyone was travel-

ling at excessive speed. Mr Moyle said there was no suggestion of reckless or foolish driving. Recording a verdict of accidental death, Mr Moyle offered his condolences to the family.

He told Gary Matterface: "I am sure you and your father were looking forward to a very pleasant stay here in the Isle of Man."

"It's a very sad case. No-one in my view was to blame. It's just an unfortunate incident that will have lasting effects."

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KCC back in firing line over Iceland

A CROSS-party group of MPs has repeated criticism of Kent County Council over the millions of pounds it invested in Icelandic banks.

Earlier this year the Audit Commission included the authority in a list of seven it said had been "negligent" in handling taxpayers' cash, although this was later changed to "careless" following KCC legal threats.

This week the criticism came back to haunt KCC when a report by the Communities and Local Government Committee said it endorsed the commission's findings and that "rudimentary mistakes" were made.

Chairman Phyllis Starkey (Lab) said: "Our inquiry has exposed a significant level of misunderstanding, misinformation and complacency – not just within local authorities, but also among those who provide them with specialist investment advice. These failures put taxpayers' money at unnecessary risk."

The Commission's report criticised KCC for investing £8.3 million of the £50m total in Iceland just days after a warning that one bank's credit rating had fallen below acceptable levels.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said of the Communities and Local Government Committee report: "It is a shame this draws on the discredited Audit Commission report – Risk and Return."

"In future there needs to be greater clarity about the role of Treasury advisors. We are concentrating our energies on getting back the money KCC deposited."

"We are encouraged by progress to date."

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THE MOTORISTS' NO.1 CHOICE FOR CROSSING THE CHANNEL

Food labelling is a £6bn waste of time

By CHRIS MURPHY

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'BEST before' dates on food should be scrapped to stem the massive waste of fruit and vegetables tossed into Kent bins every day.

That's the call from horticultural scientists at East Malling Research who are backing Government plans to get rid of the system.

Experts believe people are confusing advisory 'best before' dates with the statutory 'use-by' dates.

The suggestion to remove the best before date labels has been put forward by the Department for the Environment Farming and Rural Affairs.

Environment Secretary Hilary Benn believes the confusion is leading to good food going to waste in huge quantities. And a lot of additional packaging is being dumped along with the food – increasing landfill levels and costing each family £400 a year.

Mr Benn said the labelling revamp is one of a number of measures which could be introduced to help reduce the 364,000 tonnes of edible food binned by Britons every year because it has passed its 'best before' date.

It's also believed almost 40,000 tonnes is dumped before it is even opened at all.

The minister said: "Too many of us are putting things in the bin simply because we're not sure, we're confused by the label or we're just playing safe."

"When we buy food it should be easy to know how long we should keep it for and how we should store it."

"Too many of us are putting things in the bin simply because we're confused by the label or just playing it safe. This means we're throwing away thousands of tonnes of food every year."

The Waste and Resources Action Programme, known as WRAP, claims 1.3 million unopened yoghurt pots are dumped every day, along with 440,000 ready meals, 5,500 chickens and more than five million potatoes.

The value of unused dumped food is £6 billion a year, £1bn of which covers items still within their use-by date, they said.

And the anger over the astonishing waste is reflected by horticulture experts in the county.

David Johnson is a storage specialist at East Malling Research.

He said: "We are not talking about the statutory 'use-by' date labels which are an essential part of food safety. The 'best before' dates applied to non-processed fruits and vegetables are purely advisory."

"During our research into the labelling and storage of fresh produce, we found the time interval between 'sell-by' and 'best before' date labels were often standardised across the range of fruit and vegetables – irrespective of the degree of perishability of particular products. It will save a great deal of misunderstanding, and waste, if consumers use their own judgement about whether their fruit and vegetables are okay to use and eat."

The most common fresh foods pointlessly dropped into the bin are apples, bananas, lettuce, tomatoes and cabbage.

WRAP runs the Love Food Hate Waste campaign. It said 5.1 million potatoes, 4.4 million apples and 2.8 million whole tomatoes are thrown away every day.

East Malling Research demonstrated



WHAT THEY MEAN

USE-BY: This is the only date you need to take notice of and it's mainly found on perishable food you are advised to eat fresh. However, as retailers work with a wide margin of safety, many foods are still safe after their use-by date.

BEST BEFORE: This is used on non-perishable foods, but it only refers to food quality rather than safety. That means decade-old tuna might not taste as good, but it's still fine to eat.

DISPLAY UNTIL: This can be ignored as it's only there for the benefit of the retailer. While stores can't sell food past its use-by date the display until date has no legal meaning.

that while supermarkets displayed oranges and pears at room temperature they are better stored cool and would, in fact, last considerably longer if kept in the fridge.

Confusion

And they said using perforated polyethylene bags for peppers, carrots and tomatoes will help them last even longer in the fridge by reducing moisture loss.

However, a cool room, around 15 degrees centigrade and away from light, is the key to storing potatoes and onions, while pineapples and bananas will not benefit from

being kept in a refrigerator.

The Food Standards Agency said: "We are talking to Defra, WRAP and the food industry to identify how we can better educate people about date markings on food and also address the confusion caused by the sell-by and display-until dates also used by food businesses."

"We want to see food waste minimised, but we also need to ensure people do not take unnecessary risks with food safety."

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County Hall fights back at '£1m' pension pot accusation

KENT County Council has hit back at claims 232 former employees are now living off pension pots worth more than £1 million each.

The Sunday Times reported last weekend that KCC splashes more taxpayers' cash on its retired high-earners than most other local authorities, but a spokesman has since described the figures quoted as "spurious".

According to the article, public sector workers who receive annual pension payments of £33,000 are essentially "pension millionaires" because it would cost £1 million to buy such a scheme on the open market.

However, KCC says the calculations are incorrect because the value of a person's pension relies on whatever the interest rate is at the time of retirement, and that interest rates have fluctuated greatly over the years.

Tax-free

A spokeswoman said: "We were asked how many people have a pension in payment worth more than £33,000 a year and the answer is 232. These will be a number of very senior employees who have retired from the scheme over the years.

"What the Sunday Times has then done is to spuriously calculate that if you were to go to the market now to buy a pension of £33,000 a year, it would cost £1m."

The article has also been criticised for making it appear the 232 ex-workers drawing money from the Kent Pension Fund were all directly employed by KCC.

In reality the authority also manages the £2.2 billion scheme on behalf of Medway

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Council, the county's 12 district councils and more than 200 other employers.

When asked in a Freedom of Information Act request how many current members of staff had earned pension rights valued at more than £1m, the council responded that the schemes were not valued until retirement.

It did however reveal that only two employees who have retired since April, 2006, earned pensions worth more than £1.5m, which at the time was the limit for tax-free pension savings. It has since risen to £1.65m.

According to the information provided to the Sunday Times by KCC, there were also 937 members of the Kent Pension Fund who retired in the last financial year.

The average retirement age was 60.6 years and there were 255 employees who took early retirement, not including those forced to through ill health.

The total value of the Kent Pension Fund, which about 40,000 civil servants pay into and another 27,000 draw pensions from, went down from £2.632bn in November, 2007, to £2.274bn last September – a drop of £358m in less than a year.

Officials have reassured pensioners by making it clear the drop in value of the fund will not hit the payment of pensions.

Every three years the fund is reviewed by actuaries – specialists in calculating financial risk – who then decide if contributions need to be put up or down.

The next assessment is due in March, 2010.

Services' care home gets Charles' seal of approval

PRINCE Charles paid an informal visit to a home that cares for serving and retired Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel and their dependants.

The Prince of Wales dropped in to Pembroke House in Gillingham, the care and nursing home of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNB), on Tuesday.

He met residents, staff and supporters of the RNB during his visit.

The Prince, who has been patron of the RNB since 1979, toured Pembroke House, taking in a number of the residents' rooms and the public areas.

He also unveiled a plaque to commemorate the day after giving a brief address in which he praised the work of the Trust.

He recognised that in addition to providing care and nursing for up to 50 residents at Pembroke House, the Trust also made grants to individuals totalling just under £2.6 million in the last 12 months to help nearly 5,000 people in need.

The Prince, who had just returned from Normandy, took special care to speak to D-



RELAXED: Prince Charles shares a joke

Day veterans living in the home.

Commander Farrington, RNB chief executive said: "We are delighted that our Patron has made the time in his busy schedule to visit Pembroke House, particularly at this poignant time of remembering the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

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Children's Laureate knows that pictures paint a 1,000 words

THE new Children's Laureate is determined to ensure more youngsters experience the joy of picture books, *writes Chris Murphy.*

Anthony Browne, from Canterbury, is a firm believer in getting youngsters to read and take notice of books from a young age – which means picking up books with just pictures in them.

The 62-year-old's works include Gorilla, Zoo and the Willy series of adventures, and he is determined to get young children back into paperbacks.

He moved to Ramsgate in 1972, where he met violinist Jane Franklin, who became his wife and mother of his two children – Joe, who is studying music and English, and Ellen, who studying fine art.

Browne said: "Picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older.

"The best ones leave a tantalising gap between the pictures and the words, a gap that is filled by the reader's imagination, adding so much to the excitement of reading a book."

The writer is not keen on parents striving to get children away from the picture books and exclusively on to the written word at too young an age.

He said: "Sometimes I hear parents encouraging their children to read what they call 'proper books', at an earlier and earlier age. This makes me sad, as picture books are perfect for sharing, and not just with the youngest children.

"As a father, I understand the importance of the bond that develops through reading picture books with your child.

"We have in Britain some of the best picture book makers in the world and I want to see their books appreciated for what they are – works of art."

Browne succeeds Michael Rosen and he received the honour as the sixth Children's Laureate at a ceremony at in London this week.

Appreciation

After accepting the position, which lasts two years, he said: "I hope to encourage more children to discover and love reading, but I want to focus particularly on the appreciation of picture books and the reading of both pictures and words."

He added: "I'm well aware of the amazing things achieved by the five previous Laureates and I'm in awe of their commitment and hard work."

He receives a Children's Laureate Medal plus a £15,000 bursary.

The ceremony was carried out by former Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, who said: "Anthony Browne is an absolutely distinctive and extraordinarily skilful artist – someone whose work entrances children, and has influenced an entire generation of illustrators.

"His pictures and stories give deep and immediate pleasures, while also insisting that we – children and adults – return to them.

"And when we return, we have a gradually expanding sense of discovery."

The award is funded by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, administered by Booktrust, and sponsored by Waterstone's.

Viv Bird, chief executive of Booktrust said: "The role of the Children's Laureate is that of ambassador and champion for children's literature.

"As managers of the award, Booktrust has been delighted with the enthusiasm and contribution made by each of the Laureates, and welcomes Anthony's appointment wholeheartedly."



WORDSMITH: Anthony Browne takes the post of Children's Laureate

Road rage attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a woman was left "shaken" by a road rage incident in Margate.

It happened around 5.40pm on Thursday, June 4, when the 25-year-old from Margate and her baby were travelling along St Peter's Road in their blue Peugeot 206.

They were heading towards the town when a man in a blue MG overtook a row of cars and a number of motorists sounded their horns.

When the woman arrived at some slow-moving traffic the driver of the MG got out of his vehicle, running back to hers and started shouting obscenities and threats. The woman closed her window and locked her door, and he punched and kneed the window and door, causing around £150 of damage.

Junkie stole TV

ADDICT Paul Neale walked out of Asda's Folkestone branch with a TV in a trolley.

Neale, 34, of Braber Close, Folkestone, waltzed out of the superstore followed by staff, who asked if he had a receipt.

The shoplifter ignored them and went on his way, but was Neale was recognised by an officer watching CCTV.

Neale admitted at Folkestone court stealing the TV worth £140.

Chris Rae, defending, said Neale was a drug addict who funded his habit by theft. He said his client had started regular drug treatment sessions which were weaning him off heroin.

Magistrates adjourned the trial for three weeks for reports to be prepared.



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'Don't prosecute pharmacists who give out the wrong medicines', argues MP

PATIENTS will be the ones who suffer should pharmacists continue to be punished for honest mistakes, warns a leading voice in the industry.

Mark Coziol is chairman of the Pharmacists' Defence Association (PDA) and is backing Kent Labour MP Howard Stoate's campaign for a change in the current law, which often criminalises chemists who make dispensing errors.

Mr Coziol told Kent on Sunday the present rules were putting people off reporting their mistakes, which means the industry in turn cannot learn from them.

He said: "We have no problem with pharma-

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

cists facing the full force of the law when they have acted negligently, but the situation we have at present is people receiving custodial sentences for one-off cases of human error.

Anomaly

"If our pharmacists think they might go to prison then they are obviously going to be put off from logging their mistakes, and that will mean we will not get an accurate picture from national studies.

"One of the reasons why the airline industry is the safest in the world is because they log every incident and learn from their mistakes.

"Other healthcare professionals are dealt

with in different ways, so it is unfair for pharmacists to be singled out to face criminal sanctions and it's not in the public interest at all."

Earlier this year a former locum pharmacist from Berkshire received a three-month jail term – suspended for 18 months – when she mistakenly dispensed the beta blocker propranolol instead of the steroid prednisolone to a 72-year-old woman who died three days later.

Despite a pathologist ruling the death was due to an underlying long-term illness, the judge in the case imposed the sentence because he said the public was entitled to expect the "highest standard of care" from those responsible for the dispensing of medication.

Dartford MP Dr Stoate, who himself is a general practitioner and a member of the

health committee in the House of Commons, said he did not think the current law was fair.

He said: "Doctors are not tried in this way and I'm concerned the current law discourages healthcare professionals who fear being criminalised from reporting dispensing errors. It's an anomaly I feel needs to be addressed.

"It's a lot better for everyone concerned if pharmacists feel they can admit to making honest mistakes and be dealt with in a more appropriate way.

"I chair the all-party pharmacy group and we will be carrying out an inquiry into this and recommending changes to the law."

Dr Stoate has tabled an Early Day Motion on the subject in the House of Commons, which has so far been signed by more than 20 fellow MPs.



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'Shoe-bomber' is force-fed to keep him alive

COURT documents have revealed Kent 'shoe-bomber' Richard Reid is on hunger strike, *writes Chris Murphy*.

The 35-year-old from Bromley hit headlines around the world when his plot to set-off bombs in his shoes was foiled by fellow airline passengers.

One spotted smoke billowing from his shoes and Reid was pounced on before the main explosion was triggered on the flight from Paris to Miami in December, 2001. He was convicted at a federal court in Boston in 2003 of attempting to blow up the transatlantic flight 63 American Airlines plane.

Reid is being held in what's called a 'supermax' prison in Florence, near Denver, Colorado, along with terrorist Ramzi Youssef, who was found guilty of plotting the first World Trade Center attack in 1993.

Fresh court papers show Reid has been on hunger strike since March and is now being force-fed.

The prison service won't say why he started the hunger-strike, but Reid has taken legal action against the service for apparently not allowing him to properly observe the requirements of his Sunni Muslim faith.

The authorities challenged the lawsuit and asked a Denver judge to dismiss it, but he refused. Legal actions in the US can drag on for years before being resolved.

US government lawyers have told a court Reid had refused 58 meals since April 14, and medical staff were force feeding him and ensuring he remains hydrated.

The matter became public during a separate hearing when the court was told the hunger strike was continuing, as was the treatment.

It was claimed "medical intervention was necessary" to keep Reid alive. The bomber, who has an English mother and Jamaican father, went to school in Blackheath.

In the 90s, the future shoe-bomber was jailed for a series of muggings and it was behind bars that he was converted to Islam.

He worshipped at Brixton Mosque where he fell into the clutches of extremists said the chairman of the mosque, Abdul Haqq Baker. He said Reid was "tempted away" by "individuals whose teachings were a lot more militant".



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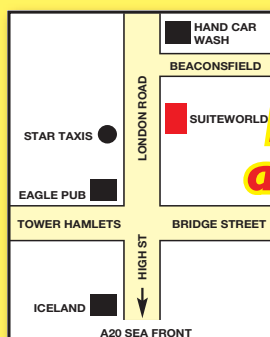
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Witness appeal after fatal crash

A WOMAN was killed and a man critically injured in a serious crash on the M26.

Kent Police were called to the coast-bound stretch of the busy motorway near the M20 slip road at Wrotham at 9.30am on Monday.

Kent Air Ambulance and South East Coast Ambulance Service both attended the incident, which police believed involved just one vehicle.

The critically-injured man was flown to the Royal London Hospital.

Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit is appealing for any witnesses who saw the incident shortly before 9.30am to contact the witness appeal line on 01622 798538.

Get fired up for dragon boat race

THE RNLI is calling for entrants for Dover Regatta's dragon boat race.

Last year's event raised £10,700 for the charity and senior fundraising manager Jenny Green hopes even more can be raised at this year's regatta on Saturday, August 8.

"Last year 15 teams took part. All the money raised from this event will go towards supporting the Dover lifeboat crew," she said.

Previous races have seen participants donning fancy-dress costumes as they battle it out on Dover seafront for the chance of walking away with the trophy.

The dragon boats are based on traditional Chinese crafts, measuring 40ft long, with 16 paddlers.

It costs £150 for a team to enter and each must raise £250 in sponsorship for the RNLI.

To enter, phone 07765 514078, or email info@doverregatta.co.uk.

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Question: What is the name of Take That's new tour?

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Author's novel idea to help children cope with dyslexia

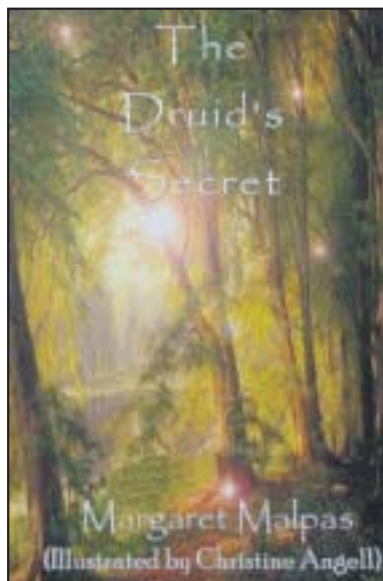
By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A DYSLEXIC hero from the Iron Age has made it his mission to help the children of today cope with their own learning difficulties.

Gwyn is the fictional star of *The Druid's Secret* – an educational novel written by Margaret Malpas, who is also chairman of the British Dyslexia Association (BDA).

Mrs Malpas, from Hartley near Bluewater, says she hopes youngsters who read about his adventures may realise they suffer from the same difficulties as the hero and be able to talk through their problems with their parents.

She said: "My husband Jim and I have a professional background in educational training so when we joined the BDA we helped build its training function up into something significant."



"As we were doing that we discovered there was a gap in the market in that when children were diagnosed as being dyslexic or having ADHD [attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder], there was nothing that could be used to stimulate discussion between them and their parents or teachers."

"I wanted to write something that shows young people it's not the end of the world if they have a learning difficulty."

"It certainly represents a challenge for many but they can still achieve some wonderful things, just like Gwyn does in my book."

Mrs Malpas estimates that the BDA has trained 10,000 people in the last year, which has indirectly helped a further 40,000 with dyslexia to cope better with the issues of the condition.

She explained: "Children who do not know they're dyslexic often wonder why they're not as bright as the person sitting next to them. It can lead to very low self-esteem because they don't understand why they can't read or write very well."

"Even though dyslexia affects one in nine people, our teachers aren't trained to recognise it in their pupils so it's absolutely crucial that we continue to raise awareness."

"Otherwise we are left with a situation where parents are told their children aren't progressing as well as they should be without anyone knowing why."

The Druid's Secret was illustrated by former Dartford East county councillor Christine Angell, and published thanks to funding from Arts Council England.

Mrs Malpas said: "I've written lots of technical material in the past but when I started helping the BDA I decided to give writing short stories a go."

"I was just going through my emails one day

when I received one from a story-sharing website I was a member of, saying it had received Arts Council Funding for 5,000 books to be published.

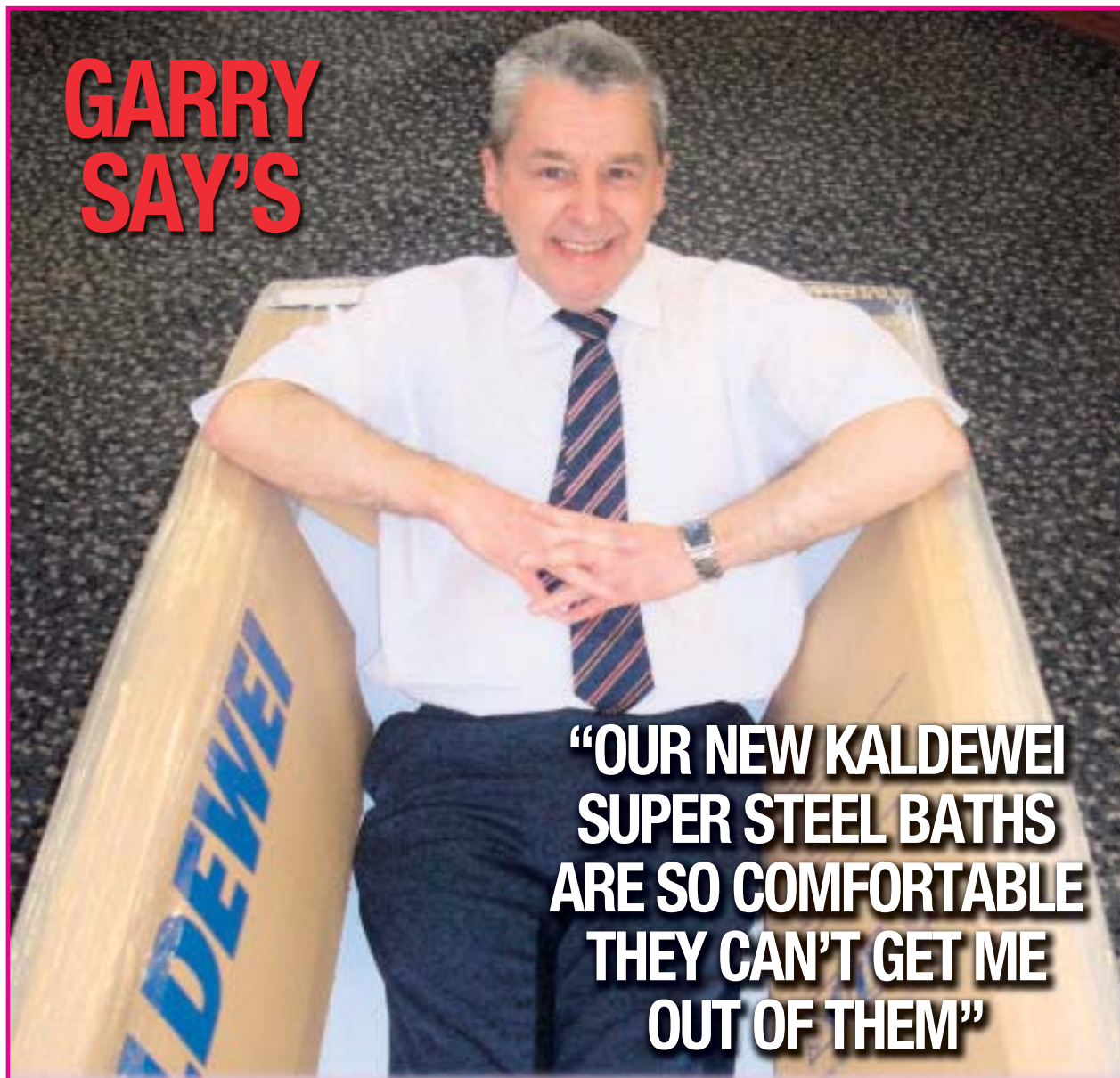
"I applied and luckily enough one of the ones chosen was mine."

• **All proceeds from sales of *The Druid's Secret* will be donated to the BDA. Visit www.bdadyslexia.org.uk for more information.**



GUIDANCE: Margaret Malpas hopes her new book will help children with dyslexia learn to cope with their problems

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TV adaptation of crime novelist's best-seller draws on her own youthful excesses

It's sex and thugs and rock and roll

CRIME novelist Martina Cole has revealed how her own experiences with drugs helped her write bestseller *The Take* which has now been adapted for television.

The 50-year-old, who lives in Sevenoaks, served as an executive producer on the upcoming Sky One mini-series, which tells the tale of a 1980s bad boy who resumes his life of crime after being released from prison.

Ms Cole, who is one of the UK's most successful female authors, said the original book was based on an era she knew well and that the four-part show was a faithful recreation of her work.

She said: "We have a drugs culture in this country whether people want to hear it or not. Don't get me wrong, I'm not pro-drugs but I think it's open for gangsters to deal in them because people don't open youth clubs on estates."

"I was 50 this year. We all dabbled. Anyone who says they didn't is lying. But if I didn't live the life that I've lived I wouldn't be able to write the books that I

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do. People say my books are violent, but they're anti-violent. They're about the ramifications of being violent. Men write violent books but they never write about the after-effects. I do, I write about the women who have to live with it.

"This is why my books have stayed with people, because they aren't about going out and being a villain. They're about what happens to you if you do it."

Cole's books have sold more than eight million copies to date, with the three most recent – *The Business*, *Faces and Close* – going straight to number one in the Sunday Times' best-seller list.

Her first novel *Dangerous Lady* and her fourth *The Jump* were both made into ITV drama series, while last year Cole also presented the six-part documentary *Lady Killers* that saw her visit Fort Amherst in Chatham.

The former Essex girl said she was happy both writing about crime and helping to adapt her books for the small screen. She said: "They're different mediums.

You can have a cast of thousands in a book but you can't always have that on TV.

"The great thing about being an author is that you can control everyone and everything around you. Someone once asked me if I ever get lonely and I told them not really because I'm always surrounded by people I want to be with, and if they get on my nerves I can kill them."

"How many people outside of *The Sopranos* can say that?"

Cole, who also revealed she sometimes receives "ever so lovely" letters from the notorious jailbird Charles Bronson, said plans were afoot to develop more of her books for television.

She said: "We're talking about a couple. I always work out where I want to be and what I want to do. I may come across as a bit of a nutter but I have a very analytical mind."

"Basically there's always going to be a lot of money in crime. There always has been."

• **The first episode of *The Take* is on Sky1 at 9pm on Wednesday.**



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MARTINA COLE: 'We all dabbled back then. Anyone who says they didn't is lying'



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AISLE BE DAMNED: Jimmy (Shaun Evans) marries Maggie (Charlotte Riley) in *The Take*



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LANDSCAPE: Chiddingstone Castle will be home to Europe's biggest Japanese garden

Castle's turning Japanese with new £300,000 oriental garden

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A JAPANESE garden of international importance is to be created within the grounds of a 16th century manor house.

Chiddingstone Castle in Sevenoaks is already home to a vast collection of armour, swords and trinkets from the east Asian country that was gathered by the estate's late former owner Denys Bower.

Now the trust set up in his name plans to spend about £300,000 creating what would be the biggest Japanese stroll garden in Europe.

Project co-ordinator Marie Jackson said: "Stroll gardens are all about borrowing from the landscape and using what nature has already done to it.

"Although our land is all well-maintained, we don't have perfectly-created gardens like at Hever Castle. What we do have is a waterfall, trees that have been split by lightning bolts and others that have fallen over the lake – it all looks so pretty.

Murder

"Elements like these are very important to stroll gardens. They're all about allowing visitors to walk around and find their own peace. It's a very philosophical experience.

"What we want to add now is more Japanese plants, pathways and an avenue of cherry trees."

Built in the early 1500s, Chiddingstone Castle has undergone a series of transformations over the centuries and has even served as a military base during World War Two, and a school after the conflict.

In 1955, it was bought by Denys Bower who was deeply interested in oriental culture and spent a considerable amount of time and money collecting artefacts from the region.

His own life story is perhaps as interesting as his home, having been conned into marrying the daughter of a Peckham bus driver who claimed to be the Comtesse de Estainville.



SEED: Some of the Japanese plants of former owner Denys Bower will be in the garden

When she tried to break off their engagement he tried to dissuade her by pulling a gun on her, but he accidentally pulled the trigger before turning the weapon on himself. Amazingly both survived, but Bower was jailed for life for attempted murder and attempted suicide, only to have his conviction overturned after just a couple of years in prison.

Some of the Japanese plants he began to grow before his death in 1977, have now matured and will form an important part of the new gardens, which will be spread over the estate's 35 acres.

Mrs Jackson said: "We're part of the Japanese Garden Society and we believe the biggest one is currently in Belgium, but that's only 14 acres.

"We're hoping ours will attract people from far and wide and we're really excited about moving the project forward. I think we'd like to see some of the areas completed within the next two years."

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'Doting' mum killed son over lack of money for school fees

11-year-old was drugged and drowned

A MOTHER drugged and drowned her 11-year-old son because she could no longer afford his school fees, according to a neighbour, **writes Chris Murphy.**

Maidstone Crown Court this week heard Jennifer Taylor admit the manslaughter of her young son.

As three nurses stood at her side, the court heard her actions were due to diminished responsibility. During a previous hearing, she had denied a charge of murder.

The 45-year-old was in tears during the hearing when she admitted being responsible for the death of bright schoolboy James.

He had been drowned at the family home in New Ash Green last December.

After his body was discovered she was rushed to hospital with a suspected overdose.

The boy had been a student at the independent fee-paying Steephill School in Fawkham, but last autumn he was moved to Wilmington Grammar School.

In court, prosecutor Eleanor Laws said the mother's diminished responsibility was accepted by the Crown after it considered psychiatric reports from three experts.

But her QC, Sarah Forshaw told the judge she had some difficulties because of the defendant's state.

Tough

She said: "It is a curious feature of this case that we, the legal team, have not been able to discuss the particulars of the incident at all. It causes obvious problems."

But a neighbour claimed to have some inside knowledge of what happened leading up to the death.

Steephill costs £2,245 a term, and according to the neighbour the family was finding it tough to keep up with the payments.

They said: "Jenny wanted to send James to a fee-paying secondary school after he left Steephill, like all the other kids there, but she just could not afford it."

It was claimed the boy's father was a wealthy Egyptian businessman, living abroad, who had stopped sending money.

Judge Andrew Patience QC said he was satisfied Taylor was suffering from a mental disorder.

He imposed an interim hospital order

under Section 38 of the Mental Health Act to ensure Taylor remained in custody.

The case was adjourned until July 20 for the facts to be heard, but the defendant does not need to appear in person. She will have to appear at her sentencing hearing, which will be held at a later date.

Kent Police said two post-mortem examinations found the cause of death to be drowning.

Traces of drugs were also found in the boy's body.

Staff at Steephill were shocked at the death.

Head Caroline Birtwell said James was a popular child who played for the school football team and starred in the school's production of Oliver last summer.

Another neighbour, Jeff Topp, has said Taylor "doted" on her son, her only child, and the pair were "always together".



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By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A JUSTICE system that is trying to be increasingly 'tough on crime' will not stop rising rates of offending.

That is the view of academic experts who will this week be debating the merits of 'restorative justice'.

The theory focuses on crime and wrongdoing committed against an individual or community, rather than against the state, and argues for a different approach to offenders than simply locking them up.

Dr Stephen Tong, principal lecturer in Canterbury Christ Church University's department of law and criminal justice studies, said: "One of the problems with our prison system is that we have a punitive approach to putting people in prison, which is understandable if it is people who are a risk to society such as rapists, murderers and paedophiles."

Controlled

But he said restorative practices can help rehabilitate offenders and make them take responsibility for what they have done.

In restorative justice a mediator brings together people involved in the crime – the victim, offender and even members of the community.

Another way could also involve exchanging letters or taking part in a conference between the parties involved in the crime. Victims are given the chance to explain the impact the crime has had on them and their family.

Offenders are expected to acknowledge the harm they have caused. They sometimes apologise and offer some kind of recompense.

"Victims can get closure from some sort of interaction in a mediated setting and it can help victims get on with their lives," said Dr Tong.

Dr Tong said advocates and practitioners of restorative justice find it difficult to make changes to criminal justice systems when 'tough on crime' messages tend to win votes.



Tough justice not the answer, say experts

Academics in call to rehabilitate offenders

Former police officer Terry O'Connell, director of Real Justice in Australia, will be leading this week's forum at the university and is a leading proponent of restorative justice.

He has written: "Politicians of every persuasion fall over themselves to get 'tough on crime'. Does this approach work? Well it depends upon what we mean by 'work'."

"If re-offending rates were a guide, the criminal justice system would qualify as an abject failure. Yet the overwhelming reaction to the mention of crime and punishment is to increase prison sentences and impose heavier fines."

"If something doesn't work, doing more of it is not the answer. As a police officer I was seeing the same offenders time and time again."

"I realised something had to change because

our almost exclusive reliance on courts to bring about behavioural change was not working."

Restorative practice takes place within a range of settings such as schools, prisons and communities.

Michael Kearns, a lecturer in the university's law and criminal justice department, was in the Metropolitan Police for 31 years.

He said: "I developed the use of restorative practice in youth justice and education while working with young offenders and pupil excluded from school."

Dr Tong said more research was needed into how restorative justice could change re-offending rates, although there was evidence that it had a positive effect.

Asked whether there were some crimes,

such as murder or rape, in which its use would be inappropriate, he said: "You actually find the more serious offences, the more dramatic the results when those that have caused the most pain and the most harm hear that."

"I'm not saying victims or their families necessarily forgive the offender, but it might help them move on."

"It is an area that the Ministry of Justice is engaged with and some research on restorative justice is going on at them moment with young offenders, but not so much adults."

• **The restorative practice one-day forum is taking place at the university's Canterbury campus on Wednesday, June 17. For a place email angela.silk@canterbury.ac.uk.**

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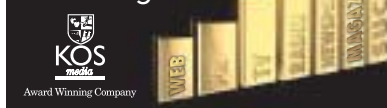
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Ms Riley said the centre entered the business challenge, which was launched to show how the media could positively contribute to Kent's economy during the downturn, because it had a "top-class service to offer the local community".

She said: "Assistance from the KOS media challenge would certainly give us the opportunity to shout out to the county that there are facilities we have to offer and what our contribution can be to local businesses to help them grow from strength to strength."

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Boy racers jailed for crash that killed two

BOY RACERS whose dangerous driving caused the death of two 20-year-olds have been jailed for a total of 16 years.

Terence Maloney, 27, and Leo Msalmi, 21, both from Tunbridge Wells, were speeding towards the El Mono nightclub when the latter lost control of his Fiat Bravo and crashed into railings.

Two of his three passengers – Danny Moss and Korin Brooker – died from their injuries in the crash in February last year.

Both racers were sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday after being found guilty the day before of two counts each of causing death by dangerous driving.

Maloney was handed a 10-year prison sentence while Msalmi, who is also known as Leo Osborne, will spend the next six years in a young offender institution.

Sgt Paul Squire said afterwards: "This was a tragic incident fuelled by egotism and euphoria."

"The sentencing today is a



SENTENCED: Terence Maloney (left) and Leo Msalmi (right)

stark warning to foolhardy drivers intent on getting their thrills from high-speed racing and driving recklessly.

"Two young people unfortunately lost their lives in their prime and our thoughts go out to the two families at this time."

Maloney, who was driving a red BMW at the time of the accident in Tunbridge Wells, was also sentenced to two years and six months in prison for intent to supply drugs. This will run concurrent with his driving conviction.

Sgt Squire added: "Through his intent to supply drugs, Maloney had a negative impact on the local community and I'm sure today's verdict will be warmly welcomed by residents."

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Drama puts Darwin on trial

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THEATRE audiences will get the chance to decide on the origin of species in the latest production by a playwright.

Broadstairs dramatist Ace Books was inspired by a film based on the Scopes Monkey Trial, which in 1926 tested legislation in Tennessee that made it illegal to teach any theory that denied the story of the Divine Creation of man taught in the Bible.

It was effectively illegal to teach evolution because explaining that man had descended from "a lower order of animals" was banned.

Mr Books' play, *Up On Fordham Hill*, transports the long-running dispute between Darwinists and Creationists and the conflict between science and religion to a contemporary US setting.

"I was watching an old film based on the Scopes trial and I thought it would be good to transfer that onto the stage," he said. "It was at the time of the American elections and Sarah Palin, who is a Creationist.

"I thought the most powerful people in the world could be Creationists but they lost, thank God.

"It would be like Jehovah's Witnesses running the Earth.

"But it got me thinking about how people feel and what I've tried to do is put both sides across as fairly as I can."

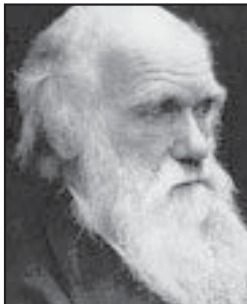
A feature of Mr Books' work is audience participation, although he said he didn't like to "pick on people" or single them out.

The play tells the story of a contemporary teacher being put on trial for teaching evolution and the media circus that is attracted to the court case as emotions run high on both sides of the origin of life debate.

At the end the audience will have the chance to vote in the Creationism v Darwinism row that they have watched unfold. But does he really expect anyone now, in England, to still vote on the side of divine creation?

"You can't always tell," he said. "I met about three Creationists while I was researching my subject."

This year marks the 200th anniversary of



Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th year since the publication of the great naturalist's seminal *On The Origin of Species*, which he wrote at Down House in the village of Downe near Orpington.

"What I've tried to do also is give the feeling when the play begins that it is set in the past but as it goes on it is apparent that it is not," Mr Books said.

"The reason I've done that is because nothing appears to have changed that much. You can still be arrested in parts of the US for teaching Darwinism."

Mr Books added: "I just wanted to say that there has been a lot about Darwin but it is taken a bit for granted that he was right. Over the years there have been a lot of biologists who do not agree with him on a lot of points.

"I did not want to beat the drum for anyone side of the argument, it is not for atheism. I wanted to put it in the air and discuss it. If people come with set ideas I'm hoping they wobble a bit."

Up On Fordham Hill, which is a title taken from a line in the play, runs from July 1-4 at



DEBATE: Ace Books hopes his play will invite discussion about Charles Darwin's (left) theories on the origin of life

The Red Hall theatre in Broadstairs. Tickets cost £6 and can be booked in advance by calling 01843 604 253.

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Jill, a businesswoman from Tonbridge brings an outsider's perspective and scrutiny to the work of the organisation, along with professional expertise gained from her career in financial and strategic management.

"Sitting on the Board of NHS West Kent gives me the opportunity to contribute to the community in which I live," says Jill who is keen to emphasise the commitment all members of the Board and staff alike give to ensuring the healthcare needs of local people are met.

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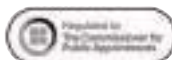
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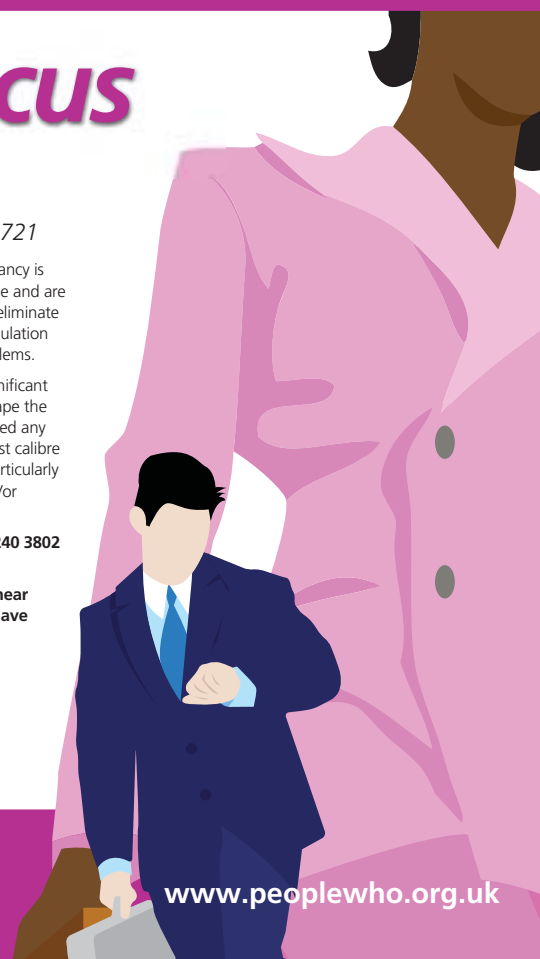
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Special housing 'like lottery win'

THE parents of a young man with complex special needs have spoken of their relief after finding a home so their son can live a more independent lifestyle.

Advance Housing, a housing association that provides accommodation for people with learning difficulties and mental health problems, has provided a suitable home for Jonathan Field, 27, in Minster, Thanet.

His father Barry said: "I can rest in peace, knowing Jonathan has his own place, and all the support he needs.

"For 20 years we have been worrying about what's going to happen to our boy later on."

His son has Down's syndrome and autism. He has the mental age of a three-year-old and needs 24-hour care.

"We were very anxious to get something sorted and that Jonathan would never have to move again. This has been better than winning the Lottery," his mother Karen said.

Advance Housing provides shared ownership schemes, which help families buy homes, and achieve independence for their disabled loved one who receive income support or incapacity benefits and disability live allowance.

For more information go to www.advanceuk.org or call 01933 709 221.

Stolen charity box

POLICE in Dover are appealing for information after a charity collection box was stolen from the visitor centre at Langdon Cliffs.

It was taken on Saturday, May 23, between 1pm and 4.30pm. Anyone with information is asked to contact Kent Police on 01304 240055 or Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Our history right

New website takes you back in time to Kent's past

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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MORE than 40,000 historical and archaeological documents exploring Kent's past are now available online.

Dr Paul Cumming, historic environment record manager at Kent County Council, said the local authority made the decision to put its substantial archives on the internet to make information more accessible and encourage more people to take an interest in the county's past.

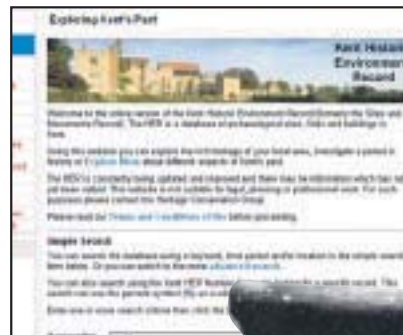
"The county council has had a resource of information about historic and archaeological sites and historic buildings collected over quite a long time from 1989, and the information was building up for decades before that," he said.

"But it has been trapped here and used for system development control and planning purposes. Academic researchers use it, but most people do not know it exists.

"What we wanted to do is open up this information so everybody could see as much as possible of it on the internet."

Now, history fans can search the site for their own town or village, go on journeys through Kent's past under headings such as 'history of castles', 'windmills' or 'Roman Kent' and look through photographs and historic maps.

Dr Cumming said he hoped people would be encouraged to visit the less well-known sites in Kent such as Thurnham Castle as well as



renewing interest in favourites such as Hever Castle.

Thurnham Castle is on the North Downs and dates from the late 11th to early 12th century. It was constructed with a 'ring-work' or defensive bank and ditch, and 'bailley', an enclosed courtyard castle.

Visitors to the website, Exploring Kent's Past, can search through its database for specific sites, castles and monuments and

more in-depth articles are available for free once users register.

The site also opens up the county's rich archaeological landscape to a wider audience. Its launch coincides with the publication of two new books about the wealth of discoveries made during the construction of two road schemes in the 1990s.

Lis Dyson, KCC's heritage conservation manager and chief archaeologist, said: "It often is the case when major infrastructure schemes are being carried out such as the glasshouses [Thanet Earth] and the Channel Tunnel rail link, that we have very important discoveries being made."

At The Great Crossroads charts the finding made during the duelling of the A253 between the Monkton and Mount Pleasant roundabouts in Thanet from 1994-95.

"It was important archaeologically from virtually every period," Ms Dyson said.

She said it was unusual to find so many different periods in the same area, stretching from Neolithic burials and pits through to a Norman



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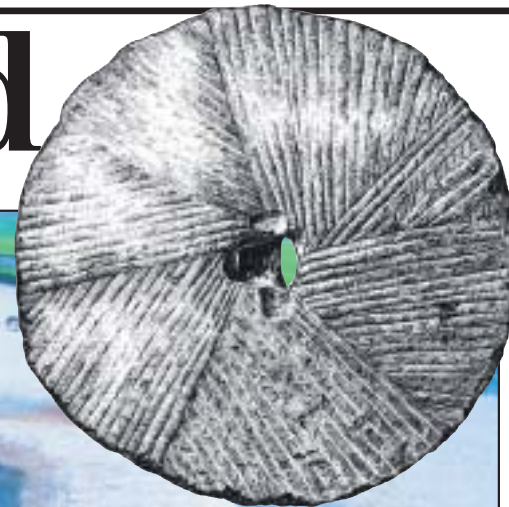
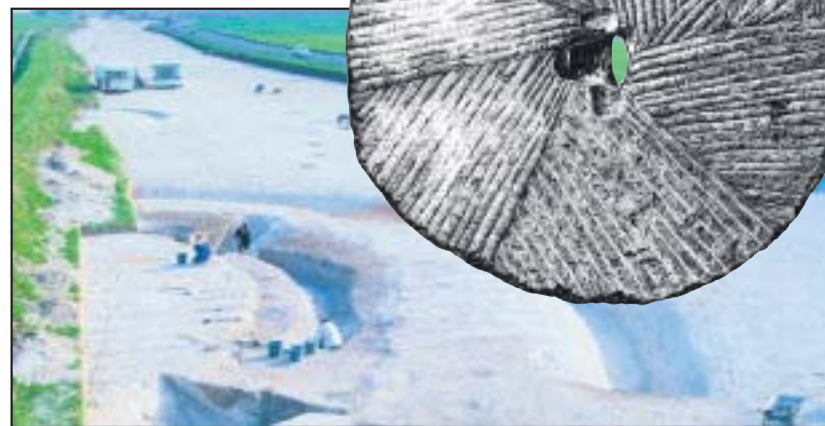
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farm site dating from just after 1100.

She said: "For the finds to be so significant as well, and structures or groups of structures from so many time periods is unusual."

Findings included fragments of a Bronze Age Trevisker urn, which came from Cornwall and showed that people had exchanged the item from different parts of the British Isles.

"The other thing exciting thing about the discoveries was an almost unique Roman settlement," Ms Dyson said.

"A Roman village had a lot of sunken floored buildings, which is a type normally associated with the Anglo-Saxon period, but this was late 1st century AD."

Other discoveries included a Roman roadside shrine, which included pottery depicting a hunting scene of people chasing animals, and an Anglo-Saxon cemetery with 18 graves dating from the 7th century.

The second book, Wainscott Northern Bypass, which charts discoveries from 1992-97, reveals structures from Roman Kent and two hall-like structures in a Scandinavian style from the Anglo-Saxon period.

More information about archaeological discoveries in Kent can be found on the website, which tracks the historical environment of the county through to Cold War bunkers.

Dr Cumming added: "We wanted to make it as accessible as possible. It is designed using all the latest accessibility standards and includes as many records as we could."

"One of the main ambitions was to help people get more involved."

The website can be explored at www.kent.gov.uk/HER and both of the books are published as occasional papers by the Canterbury Archaeological Trust. Go to www.canterburytrust.co.uk or call 01227 462 062.

DIGGING FOR GOLD: (Left-hand page) the new website and Bronze Age Trevisker urn from Cornwall; (this page, clockwise from left) Cooling Castle cAD 1385; the excavation at Whitegate; a quern; Ebbsfleet Anglo-Saxon watermill

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Greenpeace's power station protest and subsequent climate change court case

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Watch campaigners break into Kingsnorth and scale the power station chimney

THE Greenpeace activists were able to intercept footage from a police helicopter during the break-in at Kingsnorth.

In Nick Broomfield's documentary, *A Time Comes*, video images can be seen showing the protestors at the top of the power station chimney. Kent Police confirmed they were investigating the source of the footage.

In the film, activist Tim Hewke, who co-ordinated the protest on the ground and who lives in Harrietsham, tells Broomfield: "Someone somewhere has a bit of kit that is used from time to time."

Broomfield's film shows human face of Kingsnorth Six

By JENNA PUDELEK

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ACCLAIMED director Nick Broomfield has made a film revealing the human story behind Greenpeace's Kingsnorth protest and landmark court case.

In 2007, six ordinary people became heroes of the environmental movement when they scaled a tower at the coal-fired power station on the Hoo Peninsula, demonstrating against energy giant E.ON's plans for a "new carbon dinosaur" at the site.

Broomfield's 20-minute documentary, *A Time Comes*, splices police and Greenpeace footage with news clips and interviews with the protestors. The award-winning director is famous for documentaries including *Kurt and Courtney*; *Biggie and Tupac*; *Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer*; and *Battle for Haditha*.

The activists were arrested and charged with criminal damage totalling £30,000.

The court case and acquittal that followed made international headlines and helped change Government policy. Climate change and energy secretary Ed Miliband announced a new policy in April, saying: "The era of new unabated coal has come to an end".

He said no new coal-fired stations would be allowed unless carbon capture and storage (CCS) prevents 25 per cent of emissions now, and 100 per cent by 2025. But CCS technology does not yet exist on a commercial scale.

Kent on Sunday spoke to two members of the Kingsnorth Six, who risked their freedom to publicise the dangers of climate change they say would be created by E.ON's plans



Picture: GREENPEACE

OVER THE TOP: Greenpeace activist Emily Hall on the chimney. The group's action is the subject of a film by acclaimed director Nick Broomfield, inset left

for a new coal-fired power plant at the site. Ben Stewart, from Lyminge, near Canterbury, is head of media at Greenpeace UK. He said: "I thought it would be difficult to capture what really happened, to capture the drama and tension we went through."

"When I saw the final version, he really has done something pretty amazing to convey what it felt like."

In the film, as the activists talk about their arduous journey up the chimney, it is striking how ordinary they are.

The film shows them climbing a structure the height of the Canary Wharf Tower, with CO2 travelling up at 120°C, the carcinogenic dust growing thicker closer to the top, the

swearing, the "fireworks of adrenalin" as they emerge and the "best meal ever" of pasta and salad eaten at the top of the chimney.

We see Emily Hall, who works for Greenpeace in logistics, goes over the side with little climbing experience, along with Kevin Drake, who has volunteered for the environmental activist network for 10 years, to paint 'Gordon Bin It' down the side of the chimney.

Mr Drake jokes that his main worry was making a spelling mis-



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LOOK OUT: Footage taken from a police helicopter was obtained for *A Time Comes*

take on the tower as he is "a bit dyslexic".

"I hope it comes across that we are normal people," Mr Stewart said. "It is good if that comes across because climate change is going to affect us all and it is down to normal people to try and stop it."

The trial of the Kingsnorth Six at Maidstone Crown Court in September last year saw Professor James Hansen, a Nasa scientist and climate expert who advises US presidents, take to the stand to make the case that every tonne of carbon counts.

The defence of the Kingsnorth Six that led to their acquittal hung on the standard defence against criminal damage: that by committing the crime the defendants prevented damage to more valuable property.

Their lawyers argued that shutting down Kingsnorth for 24 hours was a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions, and therefore climate change.

Melting ice

Part of their argument showed that shutting the plant down for one day may have prevented £1 million of damage because in the 2006 Stern review for the Government, it was calculated that each tonne of carbon causes £85 of damage. Kingsnorth emits 20,000 tonnes of CO2 a day. E.ON remains determined to build a new coal-fired plant at the site.

Inuit leader AqqaKuk Lynge gave evidence about the melting of polar ice and its impact on the homes and food supply of his people.

"It was a privilege to be on that protest and a privilege to go through that court case, no matter what the risks were. We were given that opportunity to make a stand," Mr Stewart said. "Kingsnorth will continue to be in the news for a long time – until we get the policy outcome that shows the Government is serious about climate change."

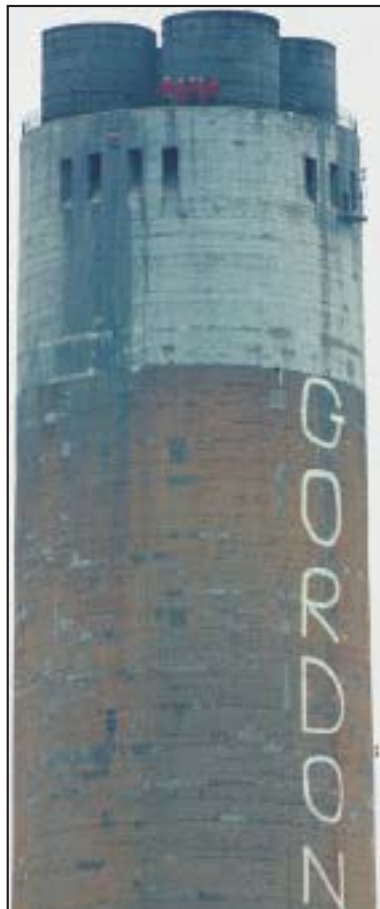
"In the court case, Prof Hansen showed maps of flood plains around Kent, so it is not happening thousands of miles away. We are trying to do something to protect Kent, Britain, Europe and the wider world."

"Kingsnorth has become an iconic place where there is a battle for our future and hopefully we will win it."

Tim Hewke, from Harrietsham, co-ordinated the action from the ground. The publicity-shy Greenpeace researcher told how he had to be bullied into being interviewed for the film, as well as for KoS.

He said: "It is not a Greenpeace film, which is interesting for us. It is not heaped full of Greenpeace, it is about the people behind it."

"It shows what we are like. Before I joined



Picture: JOHN COBB/GREENPEACE

JOB DONE: 'Gordon bin it' was the activists' message to the Prime Minister

Greenpeace I thought they were all long-haired hippie types. This shows we are ordinary people."

Mr Hewke, who is in his 40s, said the publicity had been overwhelming for his friends, relatives and parents, who were "all taking the mick", he said, "but deep down they are very proud".

Asked if he felt proud of himself, he said: "Absolutely, yes. We changed Government thinking. They are doing a review of coal-fired power stations, so it has worked."

"The important thing now is not to stop; not to think the Government will make the right decision. We have to lobby Parliament, MPs, MEPs, industry – and we have to do it until they act."

His reasoning for risking jail to make his point was "you look around every day and see what is going on and you have to stop it. You can't sit behind a desk all day. You have to take action". He added: "If more people thought about it and stood up and did their own little bit – such as changing to low-energy light bulbs – if everyone was doing it, that would make a difference."

• Click on www.greenpeace.org.uk to see the film.



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HIGH FIVE: Activists during the Greenpeace action at the power station on the Hoo Peninsula which led to the Kingsnorth Six court case in September last year

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Arts project is recording human bird noises into a poem celebrating open space

Artist is inspired by birdsong

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE sounds of birds are being used to create a surreal lyrical spoken poem about open spaces in an unusual public arts project.

Jane Pitt, a visual and live artist who works outside traditional gallery spaces, came up with the idea for Flutterances.

The project began with a 'listening walk' led by the artist and an expert from the RSPB on the Great Lines in Medway.

Members of the public took part in the event and thought about how to write down birdcalls phonetically before recording themselves saying the birdcall, or making a 'flutterance'.

"We are at the research and development stage," said Ms Pitt, from Medway. "I am building up and finding the best way, which is a surreal way of approaching something."

"I am interested in phonetic words as a starting point. Putting meaning into them has potential to create something quite unique."

She said the project was about getting people to engage with an open space and the sounds and sights that fill it.

"Great Lines is a big open space that dominates Chatham with a big hill and then at



FLUTTERANCES: The art group gathers at Great Lines in Medway to record their work (left) and look for birds (right)



Gillingham it is completely flat," Ms Pitt, 47, said. "It is quite wild but in an urban environment and there are lots of birds."

"It was an exercise for looking at what that sound is and what it feels like and expressing that sense of place."

She said recordings were made of birdcalls including blackbirds and the Meadow Pipits that thrive in the area.

The event has now attracted a five to six

member group that will be the main driving force behind the project.

"Now it is about starting to shape it more not just randomly saying the words but using them to make some rhythm," she said.

She said the project could travel and be created from any outdoor space and the as-yet unknown result could also be performed or displayed in any space.

Ms Pitt and the Flutterances group were

out walking on the Great Lines for the second time on Friday.

The group is at Riverside Country Park between 2-4pm today to talk to the public about the project and is inviting them to join in by making paper birds.

People can listen to Flutterances in the Rochester Visitor Centre from June 20. For more information about the project go to www.janepitt.co.uk/flutterances.

Supporters march on No 10 in bid to stop school closure plan

PARENTS fighting to keep their children's school open, marched to Downing Street to hand in a 4,000 signature petition.

Supporters of St John's Infant School, Chatham – one of three Medway schools threatened with closure – marched to Number 10 on Tuesday to demand a rethink on the plans.

The delivery of the petition follows a meeting on Monday where councillors voted to press ahead with proposals to shut or merge St Peter's, Rochester, St John's and Ridge Meadow, both Chatham.

Education chiefs claim the cuts are needed because of ever falling rolls.

Sam Whitington, lead campaigner, was among 20 parents who delivered the petition to MP Jonathan Shaw's

parliamentary office at Westminster.

She said: "Monday's overview and scrutiny meeting was a sham with a predetermined outcome."

"We are extremely unhappy with the result but we will continue the fight. We are very happy with today's campaign and feel that we are stepping up our fight."

"We may be a small school but we have a big voice and we will be heard."

Cllr Vince Maple (Lab), who represents Chatham central, said: "Parents both today at Westminster and last night at the Corn Exchange meeting continue to show strength and determination to win the argument to save St John's. The Tories all voted to press ahead with what many consider a sham consultation."

Mr Shaw, Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, said the decision showed that parental choice was being eroded.

"The campaigners must be congratulated and their cause and their distress is real and overwhelming," he said.

"The proposals are a cynical exercise in deliberately ignoring the weight of public discontent and resentment."

"The Government is giving Medway £11 million as part of the primary strategy. The money should be used to improve good schools and enhance parental choice. The proposed closures directly contradict these aims."

People can register their support for both schools by visiting www.jonathanshaw.org.uk. A public consultation has now begun.

Dawn raids as police probe brewery thefts

THIRTEEN people have been arrested after alcohol went missing from the Shepherd Neame brewery in Faversham.

Twenty police officers carried out dawn raids in the town on Wednesday and arrested a group which included a 12-year-old boy, three 13 year olds, a 30-year-old man and eight people aged between 14 and 19.

Officers executed warrants on seven houses at around 6am and also seized crates of booze.

The Faversham Neighbourhood Team have been working alongside the brewery to catch those responsible after alcohol began disappearing.

DNA evidence on discarded bottles was examined by forensic experts before this week's arrests.

Faversham Neighbourhood Inspector, Kevin Swinney, said: "This action by police reinforces our commitment to making the town a better place to live."

"We know that many of the people arrested have been involved in anti-social behaviour fuelled by alcohol."

"By arresting them, it sends out a clear message that their actions will not be tolerated."

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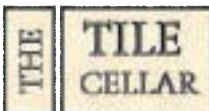

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On Saturday, July 18, the Castle Proms returns to Rochester Castle in what has become an annual local tradition. After all, summer in Medway wouldn't be complete without the music of the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

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The Castle Concerts 2009 line-up also features the Counterfeit Stones on Wednesday, July 15 and McFly on Friday, July 17. For more information and tickets visit www.castleconcerts.co.uk.



GPs' fit notes to help people on benefits get back into work

A NEW version of the doctor's sick note aims to help some of Kent's 47,000 incapacity benefit claimants back into employment.

The fit note – due to be introduced next year – will allow GPs to recommend activities their patients can do to help them stay in work or return to work sooner.

According to figures provided by the Department for Work and Pensions, there are more than 6,000 people claiming incapacity benefit in Thanet alone, almost 5,000 in Swale and more than 4,000 in Canterbury.

Announcing the new system last week, work and pensions minister Lord Bill McKenzie said he was confident the fit note would help reduce those figures.

He said: "Employers tell us that managing sickness absence can be a challenge. This is compounded by a sick note system that makes sickness absence a black and white issue – either you are unfit for work or you are not."

"We recognise how important it is to help people who are sick to

stay in work or get back to work quickly. The new fit note will help do just that."

The remaining Kent figures for incapacity claimants released show that Dartford has about 2,500, Sevenoaks 2,000, Shepway 3,600, Dover 3,800, Maidstone 3,700, Tunbridge Wells 2,500 and Tonbridge and Malling 2,400.

Developed with the help of healthcare professionals, employer representatives and trade unions, the design of the fit notes are now the subject of a 12-week consultation.

A Government spokesman added: "We know sickness absence is economically and socially damaging and makes people more likely to drift into social exclusion and poverty."

"Getting people back into work quicker is good for their health as well as the country's finances."

"The fit note will give GPs a new opportunity to benefit their patients, and I look forward to it being used in surgeries elsewhere."

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Trafficking gang boss used pizza takeaway as his base

By **CHRIS MURPHY**



THE kingpin of one of the country's biggest people smuggling rackets has been jailed for 12 years.

Abdul Wakil Niazi led a gang of three who used the cover of 17 pizza takeaways around Britain, including several in Kent, as a front for their crimes.

Niazi, 35, from Tunbridge Wells, was locked up when a jury convicted him of conspiracy to contravene the Immigration Act and conspiracy to transfer criminal property.

He was the main organiser of the UK trade, which involved the management and running of the pizza outlets, the court was told. He lived over one of the stores.

Police investigators who ran Operation Hornblower raided Perfect Pizza twice, Topps Pizza, and Texas Pizza, all in Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Plus they also raided Super Pizza, in Sandling Road, Maidstone, twice, and Pizza Go Go, in Railway Approach, Tonbridge.

It's claimed the gang made millions from the operation that traded on people's misery.



CAUGHT OUT: Abdul Wakil Niazi (far left), Abdul Hameed Sakhizada (left) and brother Ahmed Shah Sakhizada were all jailed for their involvement in running the biggest people smuggling gang in the UK

Another of the main organisers, Abdul Hameed Sakhizada, 33, who lived over a pizza shop in Northampton, claimed to be Europe's biggest trafficker.

He was jailed for nine years at Kingston Crown Court after admitting a charge of conspiracy to contravene the Immigration Act. A charge of conspiracy to transfer criminal property was allowed to lie on file.

His brother Ahmed Shah Sakhizada, 24, from the same Northampton address, was sentenced to seven years when he was also convicted of both counts.

The court was told they managed to get more than 100 illegal immigrants into the UK and more than 230 into Europe.

They mainly arrived from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Assets

But as they had been charged around £10,000 each to be smuggled in, they were made to work in pizza takeaways, including in Kent, to raise the money to pay off the huge debt which also bought them fake birth certificates and driving licences. Other shops used were in Berkshire, Hampshire, Essex and Croydon.

Early last year, officers from the Serious Organised Crime Agency known as Soca, recorded Abdul Hameed Sakhizada saying: "I am Europe's agent, I am the smuggler of Europe."

The route the smugglers took was through Afghanistan into Iran, Turkey, the Greek islands and then on to Europe and the UK.

Soca director of enforcement Trevor

Pearce said: "People smuggling is a serious crime which exploits vulnerable people for profit and causes harm to individuals, communities and the UK as a whole.

"This was a highly sophisticated and well organised criminal enterprise which was prepared to extort money from its victims and challenge the UK's immigration regime. The message is clear – the UK is not a soft touch for people smugglers. Soca's global connections mean we will find you and we will stop you."

The Crown Prosecution Service now intends to make applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act to seize any assets made from the smuggling operation.

Its lawyer Janet Boston said: "This was a profitable, sophisticated operation which was run in a highly organised, business-like manner by men who took advantage of those who willingly left their homeland and families to seek a better life.

"Any money the organisers made was channelled back into the people smuggling organisation – enabling the whole circle to begin again."

Tony Smith, UK Border Agency regional director, said: "This was a major international conspiracy to facilitate the entry of illegal immigrants into the UK. Those behind it showed total disregard for the law, and their motives were purely financial."

And the judge, Mr Justice Welchman called the people smuggling operation "a very serious and well organised enterprise, a complex scheme involving a high degree of planning".

Kent police said they could not comment on its involvement as the force only played a supporting role.



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Belligerent litterbug learns the hard way with £200 fine

A TAKEAWAY has cost a Rainham teenager nearly £200.

Litterbug Steven Williams, 18, was caught dumping empty fast-food containers in a car park near Rainham High Street.

A Medway Safer Communities officer, who was investigating a resident's complaint about litter, approached Williams' car and advised him of the possible consequences of leaving litter.

The officer then issued a £60 fine to Williams, who made no attempt to pick up the discarded litter and just drove off.

Williams failed to pay the fine despite repeated attempts to contact him.

He was hauled before Medway Magistrates Court on June 4 where he pleaded guilty to dropping litter.

The magistrates fined Williams £117 and ordered him to pay £50 costs.

• A KEBAB shop owner suffered a head wound after he was hit by a sock containing a billiard ball in a robbery.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the incident at the XXL Kebab House in Sheerness High Street.

The offence took place on May 19 between 7-7.45pm, but police have only just released details of the incident.

It started when three white men entered the premises and threatened the owner to hand over cash. When he refused, one of the men hit him with the sock holding the heavy ball.

After the attack the raiders fled empty-handed.

Australia hope for girl who is allergic to modern world

A YOUNG girl who is allergic to the 21st century can get so depressed she has told her parents she doesn't want to be in Britain any more.

Distraught Louise Harrad, mother of 10-year-old Molly, said: "I don't want her to get any more distressed because at the moment she won't let doctors look at her or get near her because of the pain it is causing."

Milk formula

The family is considering moving to Australia in the hope new surroundings will make Molly feel better. Problems started for the youngster almost from birth when she was given milk formula that made her belly swell.

Since then, doctors have discovered Molly is allergic to most manmade products.

Molly, from Herne Bay, can't wear normal shoes, socks or clothing. Her home has been stripped of carpets and she can't go near most everyday cleaning products.

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There is an almost endless list of items she needs to stay away from. These include foods which can trigger a reaction, such as pasta, bread, oats, milk, eggs, tomatoes, soya, chocolate, custard and nuts.

Molly must also steer clear of soaps, shampoos, deodorants, plastic and rubber surfaces, machinery, dust and even magnets. And once outside, she is allergic to grass, pollen, and things like coins, pens, pencils and computers.

Food is specially prepared and eaten at school under strict supervision. The wrong food can spark an anaphylactic shock.

Her hands are kept covered with special cotton gloves at all times; she only bathes in a special solution to coat her skin, and has to take a mountain of pills and apply coats of creams to suppress her extreme allergies.

Mrs Harrad said when Molly was young her skin was "like fish scales".

She said: "We were sent to the doctors near-

ly every other day and no-one had a clue what was wrong. Every time we took off her shoes, her feet were red and raw. She gets blistering to her feet. After asking hospitals to do tests – they finally did after three or four years – they found she is rubber and latex intolerant."

Molly said: "Sometimes in the past I have been well, but after a couple of weeks or so it comes back. It's like a routine that keeps happening."

Sunshine

She had wanted to go on a trip to Wales with her friends at Hoath Primary School, but it was deemed too risky. Her mother said the eczema goes inside Molly's body, too, and her bowel needs to be coated before she can eat to stop it becoming inflamed. Molly also uses two puffers, plus a lot of creams.

Mrs Harrad, a former hairdresser, said: "As she is getting older she is feeling it more. In the last six months she has not been handling it at all well. She has actually been hurting herself a little bit because she can't handle the pain of her eczema. Molly had begun tying dressing gown ropes around her legs so tight

that I have had to cut them off. She said that pain was easier to handle than her eczema.

"The more her skin comes up, the lower Molly is going. She has actually said she doesn't want to be here any more with these problems. She doesn't like it. We have been treating Molly for 10 years and it hasn't got any better."

Her father, plumber Derek, 43, said: "We have been to the best doctors in the land, but no-one knows what to do to help Molly."

"There has simply never been a case like hers. We want to free Molly from her terrible pain. If there is anyone who may be able to help, we would love to hear from them."

The family is looking to move to Australia because more buildings are tiled and air conditioned and the sun may help her condition.

Molly said: "In Australia there are more allergy doctors. There is hope I will grow out of this."

Experts at Great Ormond Street Hospital and St Mary's in Paddington remain baffled, say the family.

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Pandora opens the box

ANIMAL conservationists are celebrating after successfully breeding pine martens in captivity for the first time.

Wildwood at Herne Common, near Canterbury, has been trying to breed the threatened creatures for more than three years. Pandora, the proud mum produced two youngsters, but initially the keepers only had the evidence of unusual noises and more food being eaten.

A few weeks ago the kits were seen poking their heads out and have since been seen regularly by both keepers and visitors to the animal park.

Pine martens are a difficult species to keep in captivity, and even harder to breed.

"The breeding centre has proved to be a real success," said head keeper Paul

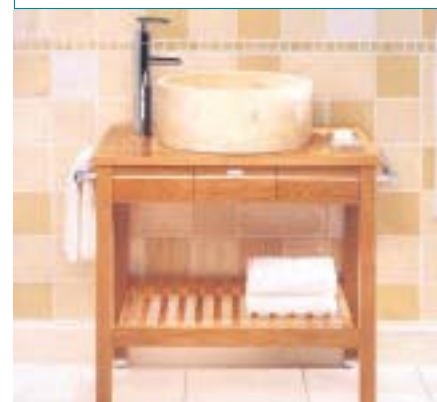
Wirdnam. "Our team has created a series of tunnels that allow us to manage the pine martens and copy wild behaviour and this is one of the reasons we now have these youngsters."

Until the 19th century, pine martens were found throughout much of Britain. But habitat fragmentation, persecution by gamekeepers, and the fur trade drastically reduced their numbers.

Wildwood chief executive Peter Smith said: "These babies will be part of a scheme to reintroduce pine martens to the South East. We are committed to restoring the pine marten to its former habitats."

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Vandals put cycle centre in jeopardy

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE owner of one of Britain's finest off-road cycling centres is looking for a new buyer to keep it in business after vandals have driven him to despair.

Mike Westphal says vandalism is causing havoc at the site, and he is now in negotiations with British Cycling to help pay for security cameras.

He has run Penshurst Off-Road Cycling, known as PORC, for nearly 20 years, pouring in all his own money, savings and investments to get the business up and running.

Now the facility is renowned as world class, but he failed to get backing to have it used in the 2012 London Olympics.

Mr Westphal said: "We have done all the hard work here – we have a fabulous track and facilities, yet the Olympics people didn't even bother to come and see us. Now we are being hit hard by vandals because there is no camera system as a deterrent."

On site are dirt jumps, downhill and cross-country mountain bike trails. There is planning permission for a road-riding circuit.

Mr Westphal said: "The situation has become impossible. We have vandals breaking into the site on a regular basis, stealing equipment, driving the club's diggers and causing thousands of pounds of damage."

"I don't want to sell it but I have no choice. We've been to Kent County Council, but we're privately owned and therefore not eligible for funding."

"We have approached the banks, but in the current climate they don't want to know either."

Mr Westphal said he had paid for all the work himself.

He quipped: "They say, 'How do you make a small fortune from cycling?' The answer is to start with a large one."

"It costs so much to run, yet we only charge members £1 a week to ride here."

"It is hardly a commercial enterprise. We do this for the love of the sport and have created one of the finest clubs in the coun-



UP IN THE AIR: Vandals are damaging the prospects of off-road cycling enthusiasts

try. Now I have finally been forced to look for a buyer for at least part of the site in order to keep going. We have been to KCC, Seeda, and Sport England, looking for help with funding, they but they tell us we are not eligible."

"This is a wonderful place to ride and I want to make it even better."

He said: "If someone fits the bill and can help, PORC would welcome either purchases of equity or secured loans at a rate the banks can't match."

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PRIDE AND JOY: Mike Westphal has spent nearly 20 years building up the cycling centre



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SEASONAL: Elham Farmers' Market offers fresh, locally produced fruit and vegetables

Setting out their stall after fruitful first year

Join the party as successful village venture just keeps on growing

THE popular Elham Farmers' Market will celebrate its first anniversary this weekend with a slice of birthday cake for everyone.

The market has offered up seasonal produce from local growers to villagers and visitors twice a month for the past year and has been a roaring success, despite the recession.

The anniversary will be marked with balloons, apple-bobbing for children and a piece of cake for all visitors, from Gatehouse Farm in North Elham.

Sunday will also see the first visit of Fish from Hastings and Rye, selling a selection of locally-caught wet and

smoked fish. The market's popularity has soared in its first 12 months and has attracted a loyal following on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Folkestone-born TV chef Phil Vickery has been a supporter of the market from day one, not just because he began his culinary journey by working at the Rose and Crown pub in the village.

He said: "I am delighted that the market has been such a success so far, and will become a permanent feature in Elham."

"Congratulations to the local producers for providing such a range of high-quality goods and to the shoppers for

recognising and appreciating the value of good seasonal local food produced by people who care."

Each market has about a dozen stalls boasting pork, lamb, beef, game, specialist breads, fruit and veg, flowers, plants, bushes and vegetable seeds, cakes, pies, curries, jams, chutneys, fresh and pickled eggs, apple juice, cheese, olives and fish.

The market takes place from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the courtyard of the Rose and Crown, in the centre of the village. Anne Leva, Elham Farmers' market manager, said: "Throughout this first year, and despite the credit crunch, we have achieved our aims of providing locally-produced

food to residents and visitors for the benefit of consumers and producers.

"Elham Farmers' Market is a popular place for shoppers to meet, to buy quality, local food at fair prices and meet the producers."

"It helps the environment by reducing food miles and encourages healthy eating by making fresh, high-quality food available in season and at realistic prices."

June markets are the best time to discover the tastes of early summer. The first Kentish fruit is available, so strawberries and gooseberries can replace rhubarb on the menu.

Asparagus is still around, but young broad beans, peas and new potatoes can be enjoyed with new season lamb.

June is also a good month for quail, beef and guinea fowl while fish in season include mackerel, plaice and lemon sole.

• **For more information about the market visit www.elham-farmersmarket.co.uk which includes regularly-updated information about what products are in season, recipe suggestions and market news.**

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Russells should be left to live in peace

DR Shaun Russell and his daughter Josie should be left in peace after what they have been through, not hounded by sick conspiracy theorists.

The idea anyone would offer a cash prize of £10,000 in a "photographic competition" for providing proof that the man found guilty twice for the brutal murders of Lin and Megan Russell leaves most people cold at the thought.

Perhaps what is most upsetting is hearing Dr Russell, who comes across as a decent and thoughtful man, describe how although he is dismayed at the thought he is not surprised.

His wife and six-year-old daughter were brutally killed with a hammer 13 years ago in Kent. The Chillenden murders remain a fascination, but the family should be left alone to get on with their lives.

Both must be forever scared by what happened but they are also dealt constant reminders of their pain from 'campaigners' who cruelly seem not to be able to forget either.

The latest, involving a website offering the sick prize money, makes no mention of the Russell family who were the victims and only seeks to find evidence so that convicted murderer Michael Stone can be cleared.

There was no forensic evidence against Stone but as Dr Russell reasonably points out after two jury trials and piles of circumstantial evidence there is nothing to go on but the decisions of expert appeals judges.

In a heartbreaking quote, he dejectedly says "13 years later and this all carries on", he makes no plea for people to leave him alone but surely the least this family deserves is peace.

OPINION:

This is just the beginning

Only Ukip has the resolve to extricate the UK from the EU, says Nigel Farage



receive back tax credits. Far better to simply make the allowance the entire minimum wage itself – some £11,500 a year. The best thing we can do for the working poor is to stop taxing them.

All of which leads to, well, what are we in Ukip going to do next? Given that we're working towards specific goals, rather than simply to get our 'tribe' into power, what's the best way of achieving those goals?

What's the best way of making sure the Lisbon Treaty isn't imposed upon us, and that political integration doesn't just stop, but goes into reverse?

David Cameron's rhetoric has no substance, so we certainly shan't be standing aside for the Tories. We've been promised a referendum, (just as Gordon Brown promised one and then chickened out), but only if the Irish vote 'No' in their second referendum, only if Lisbon isn't already in place when Dave becomes Prime Minister. This isn't enough. It isn't a strong enough commitment. At minimum, we need to know that we, the people, will be able to decide.

We need a credible commitment to holding a binding referendum. And the best way to obtain that is for Ukip to stand at the next general election in all of the 500 to 550 seats which could conceivably change hands.

So that's precisely what we're going to do, put up candidates across the country. This isn't just some ploy to put pressure on Mr Cameron, either. It's our own commitment to providing everyone with a proper choice.

The three main Westminster parties are all content to stay within the EU. The Lib Dems would take us further in; Labour the same; and the Tories, well, they'd try to see whether any of the other 26 countries might change the rules a little.

Fat chance of that, of course. For what they're not telling you is that the EU simply doesn't work that way. Power, once offered up to Brussels, is power that stays in Brussels – for ever.

Unless, that is, we leave the system altogether and then decide how we would like to co-operate with, but not be ruled by, our neighbours. If Ukip didn't

stand at the general election, then the possibility would be gone for the majority of the country – who agree with this basic proposition – to vote for it.

All, of course, except for the fascists and racists of the BNP. However, few seem to realise how slim the BNP's support is.

A mere 1,200 extra votes for Ukip in the North West region would have denied Griffin his seat; and 30,000 more for Ukip would have stopped the BNP getting a seat in Yorkshire. We'll stand against the main parties because we're arguing for an entirely different policy on the EU. And we'll stand against the BNP because we are not fascists.

That's what Ukip will be doing from now on, but with greater resolve and power. We shall be fighting for a vision of a better world, which we know the majority share, and offering everyone the opportunity to vote for it.

• **Nigel Farage is the leader of Ukip. He lives in Downe, near Orpington.**



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The Liberal Democrats are now the opposition at Kent County Council, with seven members. However, the Conservatives running KCC now have 74 members – more than 10 times the number.

It is essential for every public administration to be scrutinised and kept on their toes by the opposition – but how can this be done in the face of such odds?

Surely even opponents of voting reform can see something wrong with a system in which a party with less than half of the votes in Kent can get 88 per cent of the seats?

Keith Nevols, Sittingbourne

Déjà vu all over again?

At the counting of the KCC votes at Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall, I had the feeling I had been here before.

On local election night 2004, a prominent Conservative confidently assured me that on the basis of those results the Tories would win the next general election.

Less than a year later, Labour won with a large majority.

David Burgess, Hawkhurst

In the Brown stuff

In the aftermath of what can only be described as a total disaster for Labour, isn't it extraordinary how so many leading members of this discredited Government still fail to follow the plot?

Whether you talk about local government or the EU elections, the public has made it clear that enough is enough. The socialists have been humiliated, yet when the likes of Peter Hain are asked to talk about this evaporation of rank and file support, he comes up with answers about how well Gordon Brown is doing, how worldwide his support is after the G20 summit and other such irrelevant

No jobs for the older boys

No-one can be surprised that Labour fared so abysmally at the council elections.

Its disregard for so many is proved by the party's stance on the provision of retraining for the unemployed. Government-funded retraining for the unemployed is denied to all but the under 25s.

Of course these youngsters should be helped. However, if you are unfortunate enough to be a jobseeker over 25 you are forsaken by the very system that should be helping you.

Hundreds of thousands from this forgotten generation have been made redundant. More are expected to join them from often specialist careers, with little or no chance of finding appropriate work in a shrinking economy. Now they are barred from the chance to retrain and many despair of having no future.

This is made more of an outrage when considering the vast majority of those with

mortgages and families are over 25.

These people need the opportunity to retrain as much as, if not more than, the youngsters. One can always try for a generic job. Yet that will not pay a mortgage and you will lose your house. Furthermore, such jobs are increasingly scarce as many employers are restricting recruitment.

Equally infuriating is the arrogant assumption that you should have savings to fund courses. Who can save adequately with salaries often on or around the minimum wage? I can only survive on a generic job because I am single and in rented accommodation.

Confining retraining to the under 25s proves the Government is out of touch with reality. It's a national disgrace. Society must purge this unacceptable ageism to inspire a more inclusive programme of retraining for the unemployed.

Robert Duncan Martin, Canterbury

comments. As for the Tory success in Wales, where Mr Hain masquerades as Secretary of State, we are now told this support will inevitably lead to mass unemployment.

How can he say such a thing when what is so desperately needed is for a political party to say publicly that public services will definitely be cut if and when the Conservatives take over? Is there any reasonable alternative when you consider the massive debt that Darling and his Treasury cohorts will be

leaving behind? There's only so much cash that can continually be poured into the public sector without productive returns.

Despite the public lynching of so many MPs over their excessive use of the expense account, it seems very few, if any, fully comprehend just how angry and frustrated the public is becoming. Were this scandal to be perpetrated elsewhere in the world, would it be a total surprise to see the masses pouring onto the streets and demanding change?

YOUR LETTERS

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Fortunately, the British still retain their dignity in spite of all this chicanery. As for Brown's leadership, why doesn't he hold a secret ballot among his MPs and let them say what a porridge he is making of everything?

Colin Davis, Woodchurch

A Summer of Disgust

Steve Ladyman must be living in the parallel universe of La La Labourland. He claims Gordon Brown is doing a great job and he has steered us out of the slowdown.

Let me remind you, Steve, that it was Gordon Brown who wrecked what was the best private pension scheme in the world, against advice. It was also Gordon who told us that he was responsible for making London the financial capital of the world.

And wasn't it Gordon who created the tripartite regulatory system that failed so miserably in controlling the discredited banking system that he took credit for? And don't forget, Steve, it was your Government that ennobled Fred Goodwin and allowed him to walk away with a £700,000-a-year pension.

Far from getting us out of this financial mess, it was the incompetent Gordon who got us into it in the first place. It was also Gordon who put us all into billions of pounds of debt for generations to come.

It was also your Government that spent hundreds of thousands on legal expenses to try to keep MPs' venal expenses out of the public domain.

I would also like to remind Steve that it was he who thought it a good idea to charge motorists to drive on appalling roads they have already paid for several times over.

Labour gave us the Winter of Discontent. This time you have given us a Summer of Disgust and Debt. The voters have spoken, we want rid of this unelected Prime Minister and his useless government.

Stefan Reszczynski, Margate

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Hayley and David of Brompton are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy called Ethan Robert Burton-Barden on 20th May 2009.

BIRCH

Ollie Ryan born on 13th May 2009, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Son to Ryan and Lesa of Birchington. Our most beautiful and precious son.

BROOK

To Louisa of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Morgan Lewis, on 6th May 2009.

BROWN-SWEET

Simon and Emma Sweet are pleased to announce the birth of Hayden McKenzie at QEOM Margate on 24th May 2009 weighing 7lbs 6ozs. Brother to Connor and Kieran.

BRYANT

Mitch and Kirstie of Deal are proud to announce the birth of their son, Finley Jack Patrick, on 8th May 2009 at 11.54am weighing 7lb 10oz.

CARDEN

Charlotte and Peter of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Leon Michael, born on 28 May 2009 at QEOM, weighing 6lb 5oz.

CRIDLAND

Mark and Hayley celebrate the birth of their son Harley Jai Leighton on 7th June 2009. Baby brother for Elisha, Charlotte and Elise.

DELO

Leasa and Simon Delo of Folkestone are happy to announce the arrival of Erin Sue. Born on the 1st June 2009. Little sister to Hollie.

FARTHING

Doctor Christian and Doctor Tracy of Canterbury welcome the birth of their first child, Oscar Lewis Christopher Farthing, on 9th May 2009 at 11.10am after a natural and gentle birth, weighing 8lb. Had his first chiropractic adjustment at 11.15am! Oscar will be loved and cherished by all.

GUNN

Vicki and Scott are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rory Isidor Adam, born at QEOM on 25th May 2009 at 27 minutes past Midnight. He weighed 7lbs 9ozs. Thanks to all the staff who helped with his birth.

HART

David and Nicola of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Violet, on 22nd May 2009. A new sister for Arthur.

HAWKES

Alan and Janette are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Alisia Lyn Florence Hawkes on 22nd May 2009.

HAYLOR

David and Clare of Faversham are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Isabel Haylor, on 29th May 2009.

KIRKWOOD

Lisa and Clint Kirkwood of East Peckham are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Hermione Elizabeth Valencia Kirkwood born 25th May 2009 weighing 7lb 10z.

LUCKHURST

Emma and Matthew of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Aidan Beck on 29th May 2009. Our most beautiful and precious son.

McGOWAN

Katherine and Mark of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby

daughter Stevie McGowan, born on 29 May 2009 at QEOM.

NOBLE-WOOD

Malcolm and Tracy of Whitstable are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Penny Dorothy, on 20th May 2009. "The next adventure has begun".

PILE

Seth Alfie born on 30th May 2009, weighing 6lb 7oz. Son to Dennis and Emma Pile in Dover. Little brother to Dvner.

SMYE-RUMSBY

Lesley and Anthony Smye-Rumsby celebrate the birth of their daughter Sophie Rebecca Smye-Rumsby on 30th May 2009.

WHITE

Stephen and Tanya White celebrate the birth of their daughter Olivia Mae on 31st May 2009.

WRIGHT

Julie and Bradley Wright celebrate the birth of their daughter Lois Emma Wright on 30th May 2009.

DEATHS

ALLEN

John died suddenly on 27th May 2009 at his home in Minster in Thanet. He will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours and the friends he has made over the years at West Wintersetlow in Wiltshire.

BARBOUR

Mary Elizabeth Barbour of Whitstable died peacefully at her home on 27th May 2009. A dearly loved mother to Patsy and Martin. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral was held at Barham on June 10th. If desired donations to Friends of Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital c/o C.W Lyons of Whitstable.

representing all the RNLI crews of Kent, from Gravesend to Dungeness.

St Mildred, patron saint of Thanet. Her abbey at Minster still houses Benedictine nuns in one of the oldest continuously inhabited buildings in England.

Sir Moses Montefiore, the Jewish philanthropist, whose mausoleum is in Ramsgate in recognition of all he did for the town – the mayoral chain is a series of interlocking Ms.

ABC Kempe, the top-hat mayor of Ramsgate during World War Two, who maintained morale superbly. Colonel F Vivien Dunn, the musical director of the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal. Later knighted for his services to military music. He established Deal as the leading musical academy. Queen Bertha, the wife of Ethelbert, who converted to Christianity after meeting St Augustine.

Without her support Augustine's mission would not have succeeded.

All grist to the mill. I look forward to reading the final selection, which, as I've already suggested, will, of course, include Colin Cowdrey, my boyhood hero.

Peter O'Sullivan, Ramsgate

Hunting with dogs rife

As regards hunting with dogs in North Devon – it has never stopped or slowed down.

I have friends in that area and they confirm this. My friend's daughter was knocked from her horse on Exmoor by hunters because she complained. My friend's friend made an official complaint and within two days her two dogs, kept outside, were poisoned.

She then had a phone call to say her horses would be next if she complained again. The hunters are wicked with no regard for the law or animals. No law will be able to stop them.

June Kimber, Sheerness

No deposit, no return

As the Kentish Whinger, I spent more than six years and £500 campaigning to get openness and accountability from MPs regarding expenses.

As my campaign has been justified, I asked party leaders to ask MPs to reimburse me. No replies and no money has been received. MPs are only interested in their own welfare, not democracy. At least we in Gravesham kick the sitting member out every eight years or so to spread expenses more widely.

David Cameron wants an open democracy. Ted Heath raised the deposit, which could be lost in elections. If party leaders want greater democracy, the deposit system should be removed. That would do more than PR to get accountable MPs.

Ivan Armstrong, Meopham.

Dreadful rural roads

The condition of our rural roads is appalling. We took a 40km circular cycle ride recently. We stick to rural roads but the condition of our lanes goes from bad to worse.

On our last ride, on Crown Hill, near Wye, a motorist (a complete stranger) actually stopped his car and called out: "Aren't these roads in a dreadful state?"

Later in Brook a couple of walkers (strangers) spoke to us: "I don't know how you dare ride around here, the roads are so bad." Indeed they are.

It is not just potholes, but broken edges, and masses of debris in the middle. Often leaving the cyclist about 60cm of width to ride in. There was so much continuous debris in some roads we ventured on that vegetation was thriving in the middle of the road. You could almost grow potatoes.

It just gets worse and worse, and it has nothing to do with the economy, or the frost, because rural roads have been neglected for years. Is it any wonder that we came across only four other cyclists in our 40km trip.

Cyclists are much more aware of the state of our roads, and often the condition presents considerable danger to them. We don't all ride mountain bikes, but even they would have a problem.

Ted Prangnell, Sellindge

Lorraine's vaccine plea

My daughter, Alexia, fell ill with meningitis just over two years ago and it was one of the most traumatic experiences of my life.

Doctors said had she been treated any later, chances were she would have died. Thankfully, she received expert care and made a full recovery, much to our relief and amazement.

She's now a bright five-year-old and not a day goes by when I don't feel lucky to have her. It's heartbreaking to know hundreds of people die from meningitis and thousands more are left with devastating after-effects.

I want to use my 15 minutes of fame from The Apprentice to achieve something positive, which is why I'm taking this opportunity to raise awareness of the deadly disease and the need to seek prompt treatment.

I'm proud to support the work of Meningitis UK and its mission to eradicate meningitis completely. Its Search 4 a Vaccine campaign hopes to raise £7 million to help fund research to develop a vaccine against meningitis B which causes almost 90 per cent of cases in the UK, including Alexia's.

The number 4 signifies the devastating fact that meningitis can kill in under four hours, which is a chilling fact.

As my experience shows, knowing the symptoms and seeking prompt treatment can make a vital difference to the outcome.

However, sadly, sometimes even if the symptoms are recognised, prompt treatment sought and the best medical care given, it is still not enough to save a life. This is why finding a vaccine is so important for future generations.

In the absence of a vaccine, Meningitis UK distributes a wide range of material to raise awareness of the common symptoms and the need to act quickly, which can mean the difference between life and death.

I urge KOS Media readers to make a donation to the Search 4 a Vaccine campaign, or request a symptoms information pack, by calling Meningitis UK on 0117 373 7373 or visiting www.meningitisuk.org.

Lorraine Tighe, from The Apprentice, Bromley

Derek gets a pounding

Our Labour MP, Derek Wyatt, has on his website a quite bizarre posting. In his most recent blog entry, he comments on the defeat of Labour candidates at the recent KCC elections and complains that: "The gutter politics of the local Tories was shameful."

You might well ask what dreadful, underhand political act provoked this charge.

Mr Wyatt himself reveals all. In an earlier post he wrote: "Yesterday, the local Tories went one better, they issued a one pager not on the EU, not on the county council, but on MP Derek Wyatt's expenses ... Welcome to the gutter."

That's right, our crime was that we put out a leaflet detailing Mr Wyatt's expense claim for April, which as your readers probably know, totalled £2,820.

We didn't lie. We didn't exaggerate. We didn't add any extra amounts. We simply copied the entry from Mr Wyatt's own blog and questioned whether he was right to claim for a second home.

Presumably Mr Wyatt posted his expenses on his website because he wanted his constituents to see them, so why did he get so upset when we helped him publicise them to all those people without access to the internet?

Mr Wyatt maintains his expenses were fully justified and he is not ashamed of his claim. If that is true, how can he describe our leaflet as being gutter politics?

As it happens, our leaflet had nothing whatsoever to do with the KCC or European elections, it was simply part of our campaign for an immediate general election. A call Mr Wyatt rejects on the equally bizarre grounds that this "would cause a run on the pound and have a devastating effect on unemployment..."

The first part of that statement is deeply ironic when you see the way the pound has been affected by the current political instability.

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Brave D-Day heroes

Last weekend I watched a TV programme about about the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944.

In my opinion, it should be taught in all our schools what these brave men fought and died for. Veterans have been treated terribly by our Government.

First they said there wouldn't be any celebrations, but a newspaper launched an appeal to back the veterans and raised £200,000 – enough to ensure they could attend. There was no funding or formal support, no recognition or Royals sent to attend and nothing from the Lottery – every request for help was turned down.

We would all be living under a different regime if Hitler had won. These brave men helped liberate Europe and if it wasn't for them there wouldn't be any Brussels.

What must they think about all they went through to find we are now governed from Brussels? Not much – and nor do I. I wasn't at D-Day but I was in the Royal Navy. I didn't serve for three years to be governed by Brussels and the sooner we come out of the

EU the better. Let's govern ourselves like we always used to. Trade with them yes, but don't be governed by them.

N. Bentley, Edenbridge

Cowdrey gets my vote

A few more names which you might consider for 100 of Kent's Finest. Colin Cowdrey, Kent and England cricket captain and a true British sportsman and gentleman. He must, surely, be included. Lewis Deal, guiding force behind Medway Aircraft Preservation Society and without whom the RAF Manston Spitfire and Hurricane Museum would not exist.

Bob Stanford-Tuck – maintaining the aviation theme – a fearless Battle of Britain pilot, who later farmed mushrooms near Sandwich, epitomises the RAF.

Anthony Buckeridge, author and creator of Jennings at School books, based on his experiences of teaching at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer, lived at Ramsgate. Benjamin Beale opened up sea bathing with his famous bathing machines at Margate. Lord Northcliffe, founder of the Daily Mail, lived at Kingsgate. Charles Fish, coxswain of the Ramsgate lifeboat, famous for his gold medal with the Indian Chief of 1881,

As for a general election making unemployment worse, judging by the KCC and Euro elections, that will certainly be true for large numbers of Labour MPs.

Gordon Henderson, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate, Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Sheerness

A mind of his own?

I was surprised to see a letter from Cllr Les Wicks, Medway's Council's Tory education supremo, saying Jonathan Shaw MP – as a member of the Government – should always follow what is seen as national Labour policy.

At a time when people are concerned for the future of politics in the UK most people are only too pleased to see a politician follow a line based on his experience in the real world, not simply echo national policy or party policy.

It is quite clear from the response from local voters that they think closing small infant schools that are successful and popular so as to make big primary schools bigger is unacceptable.

There have been letters, petitions and demonstrations against the notion and Cllr Wicks must be aware of all this hostility even before consultation begins.

Of course Cllr Wicks will not make up his own mind on this issue until the consultations are complete. I hope that when he does, he too will make up his mind without having to take a party line or be bullied by central government.

Derek Munton, Rochester

Another bright idea

Well, we changed to the new light bulbs, saved the country a bit of energy and can now now go to Blackpool to see the lights. I wonder what they will do now.

R Antares, Ramsgate

Head for the border

Just as Romania tears down its brutal architectural monuments to the Stalinist Ceausescu era, Gravesham council presses ahead with plans to build the most hideous, charmless concrete, steel and glass blocks in the very heart of the town.

Yet again, all in the name of that all-excusing word – regeneration. The developers? Edinburgh Properties. The city of Edinburgh, by the way, has more unspoilt listed buildings and tighter controls on sympathetic development than anywhere else in the UK.

Why Gravesham's councillors, many of whom live well away from Gravesend, think any of us would warm to the ghastly new proposals, one cannot imagine.

The Lord Street car park area was once covered with a charming little village of terrace townhouses. There is ample research to prove that this is how people want to live. They want to bump into their neighbours, for their front door to be on the ground floor, to have a sense of community. This would be better for low crime rates, better for a sense of belonging – and much, much better for the look and ambience of the town.

A lot of us are getting fed up with the awful excrescences which our council is trying to impose upon its long-suffering citizens.

We spent a year stopping The Tower – we don't want to have to spend another year stopping this latest monstrosity. Edinburgh Properties should be given their marching orders back to the Lowlands for a start.

Peers Carter, Gravesend

Why fold the ballots?

When I went into the polling station to record my vote, I was disturbed to find that the European ballot paper had been folded in the way it had been.

Ukip, which was right at the bottom of the paper, had been folded under and to many of the electorate I am sure would appear to have been missed off. When I went into the office in King Street, my first call on the

answerphone was from someone apologising that he couldn't find the Ukip logo until it was too late. He also recognised two of the tellers as supporters of another party. I phoned Thanet democratic services and asked that this matter be investigated. I hope the inspectors did their job. However, I see this appears to have happened country-wide.

I myself in the past have done the job of teller, and in no way did we have to use these methods of folding the ballot paper.

Something is wrong and I hope that the returning officers and Electoral Commission will investigate.

Jean Wisker, Ukip, Thanet

Xenophobia is rising

With such large numbers of economic migrants and illegal immigrants now resident in Britain – plus there being no accurate figures to tell us how many – it is hardly surprising that voters are, in desperation, turning to the BNP.

This tiny nation does not have the space to accommodate an endless influx of foreign workers or refugees. Now, a nasty, racist party like the BNP is capturing votes due to our unpatriotic Government's unwillingness to enforce proper, tight border controls.

Why have our elected politicians stopped putting the social and economic needs of Britain's indigenous population ahead of those of foreign labourers?

Since the early 1970s, Parliament has been steadily signing away our independence to unelected bureaucrats in Brussels.

This treachery and treason will not be easily forgiven. If British nationals felt their many requirements were being treated as priority by the three main parties then xenophobic discourse would seldom rear its ugly head within our society.

Clive Wilking-Oppler, Canterbury

Liz's poetic justice

"Write about the news," they said, There hasn't been a lot.

For all the media talked about Was how much MPs got.

And when they claimed expenses Did they go too far?

For charging moats and islands And porn films and a car.

Lots of bright red faces and Stuttered explanations.

Journalists hysterical, But we are losing patience.

Today the public's voting, Parliament's a-quiver.

Perhaps they'll do the decent thing And all jump in the river.

But all the British bankers are grinning with relief.

The media's new target Now getting all the grief.

Liz Rolph, Sevenoaks

We're working for you

We thank you, the residents of Herne Bay, for having returned us as your councillors serving on Kent County Council.

In future months we will be working hard for you, making it happen, working for the community.

Cllrs David Hirst and Jean Law, KCC

Thank you, Mill Hill

Patrick Acarnley and John Trickey, newly-elected Liberal Democrat town councillors for Mill Hill, thank the voters for giving them such a convincing win in the Deal Town Council by-election.

Cllrs Acarnley and Trickey will join Cllr Keith Turner in pledging to do their utmost to improve the Mill Hill and Deal town areas.

All three will establish what has been happening at the town council to ensure future transparency and taxpayer value for money.

Cllrs Patrick Acarnley, John Trickey and Keith Turner, Liberal Democrats, Deal Town Council

Next stop, Westminster

On behalf of the UK Independence Party, I want to thank all of the people who voted in the European election, which resulted in Ukip coming second in Medway, and second in the country.

If we can continue this growth, the next general election will see Ukip MPs at Westminster, where we can really start to make the changes needed to put the great back into Britain.

None of Ukip's candidates are "professional politicians" we all stand because we believe in what we say, we believe in a Britain governed by Westminster, but we also believe in the independence of MPs and citizens.

MPs must be answerable to their constituents, not the parliamentary party. Thank you, once again, to those who voted Ukip.

Bob Oakley, Ukip, prospective parliamentary candidate for Gillingham and Rainham

Picnic in the sunshine

With summer here, I am writing to let KOS Media readers know about our Wildflower Picnic, on Sunday, June 21.

We at World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) are encouraging people in Kent to hold their own Wildflower Picnics and raise valuable funds for our cancer prevention research and education programmes.

Scientists estimate about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by eating a healthy diet, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight.

And what better way to enjoy some healthy treats than in the sunshine?

Readers are welcome to hold their picnics in any location that is suitable for them, take along lots of healthy dishes and perhaps a frisbee or other traditional picnic games – all in the name of raising money for a great cause. To find lots of recipe ideas, posters, picnic invitations and even a step-by-step

guide to holding your own picnic, visit www.wcrf-uk.org/picnic.

Natalie Tarrant, events manager, WCRF

Saving our fish stocks

Pret A Manger should be congratulated for removing tuna sandwiches from its stores after learning about the dangers of commercial fishing methods from the new film, *The End Of The Line*.

Commercial fishing of the oceans has devastated both fish stocks and the aquatic environment.

But tuna is not the only fish affected. Herring, cod, hake, redfish and mackerel are the fish species that are most commonly exploited commercially across the world – some of which are close to becoming extinct as a result of overfishing.

When one species declines, another is targeted, meaning the fishing industry is causing the collapse of the world's fisheries.

If companies and consumers are truly concerned about protecting this valuable eco-system, they should not turn to alternative species, such as salmon, to replace tuna, but opt for vegetarian ingredients instead – which are totally sustainable and healthy.

Tuna are also among the most contaminated fish, so even if you don't care about the environment, you may want to consider your health.

Fish at the top of the food chain (such as tuna, shark, swordfish, tilefish and king mackerel), have the highest concentrations of persistent organic pollutants (polychlorinated biphenyls and dioxins).

The Government says women of child-bearing age and children under 16 should not eat large amounts of tuna because of potential methylmercury exposure. For more information on overfishing and the environment, visit www.viva.org.uk/guides/endoftheline.htm. For fish-free recipes and health information, visit www.vegetarian.org.uk/campaigns/fish/.

Helen Rossiter, Viva!

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'You're hired!' It's time for firms to get an apprentice

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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BUILDING firms in Kent are being advised to take on more apprentices to help save money and address the skills shortage.

According to new research commissioned by the sector skills council SummitSkills, between 9,100 and 21,055 jobs could be at risk in the South East due to the recession causing jobs to be cancelled or postponed. However, the study has also shown that hiring young trainees can save a company up to 15 per cent in labour costs on low-scale projects, while ensuring the future of the industry's workforce at the same time.

SummitSkills chief executive Keith Marshall said he felt there had never been a better time for businesses to use apprentices.

He said: "We have known for many years that apprentices can benefit

businesses by providing opportunities to develop and grow skills and talent through businesses.

"This report now adds a sound financial argument to the wealth of evidence in favour of employing apprentices.

"In these challenging economic times it is critical to grow and develop new talent for the building services engineering sector to help it recover more quickly and ensure the effects of the recession are not felt as heavily in future years.

"Apprentices provide an important part of this solution."

The SummitSkills report is based on best and worst-case scenarios for the building services engineering sector, which comprises the electro-technical, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning,

refrigeration and plumbing industries.

According to the study, the cost savings of employing 31 trainees on a £1 million electrical contract would be £158,300. The figure includes both the costs of sending an apprentice to college for 29 days per year as well as the Government grant available to cover course fees.

Evidence also suggests apprentices are usually more motivated because they can see their employer is investing in their training.

Paul Jackson, chief executive of the Engineering and Technology Board (ETB), was not surprised by the findings of the study.

He said: "This report shows the substantial benefits to business of investing in engineering apprentices, particularly at this crucial time when the UK needs a sustained supply of high-quality engineering talent to help lay the foundations for the economic recovery."



MODEL PUPILS: Learning about sales

Children develop their selling skills

PRIMARY school children visited a new housing development to receive an early start in the sales and marketing industry.

The youngsters from Kingsmead Primary in Canterbury were invited to nearby Kingsbrook Park as part of their enterprise week, which was designed to get them thinking about money and business.

Assistant headteacher Robert Veale said: "It was great for them to speak to real-life sales and marketing staff. They have had a valuable insight into business they would never have achieved in the classroom."

Saudi education head tests out our university

A SAUDI training chief paid a visit to Medway to learn more about the education provided at the University of Greenwich.

Dr Ali Al Ghafes is governor of the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation, which is embarking on a massive expansion programme by building colleges across the oil-rich nation.

His delegation was visiting the UK to locate suitable institutions that could work with them to enhance the skills of their diploma graduates, particularly in mechanical engineering.

Dr Ghafes said: "We appreciate the warm welcome we received from the University of Greenwich and are impressed by the facilities at the Medway campus.

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28.5 hours per week term-time (8.30 – 1.45 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and 8.30 – 4.30 Wed)

Kent Scheme Band 3 - £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata

We are looking for someone to provide receptionist and clerical support at our Primary School in Broadstairs. Duties will include reception duties, word processing, filing, photocopying, answering telephone and email queries.

You will need to have up-to-date knowledge of word processing packages and good interpersonal skills. Knowledge of SIMS.Net software would be advantageous.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people in its care and all posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Closing Date is 22 June 2009.

Please send an A4 sized SAE (with 61p stamp) for an application pack to: **Brenda Fallon, Laleham Gap School, 1 South Cliff Parade, Broadstairs, CT10 1TJ**

E-mail: office@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk



THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

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Arethusa Rd, Rochester, Kent ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc

Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385

Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk Website: www.thomasaveling.co.uk/jobs

Finance Clerk for Maternity Cover

Grade: D2 – Salary: £14891 - £18937 per annum

Hours: 37 hours per week

Start Date: 24th August 2009 expected to end on 1st April 2010

A pro-active and self-motivated person is required to join our small but friendly Finance Team to cover maternity leave for an estimated period of 7 months.

Previous financial and administrative experience is desirable and a knowledge of the education system would be an advantage.

Prospective candidates should be responsive to demand and capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team. Responsibilities will include: processing of purchase orders and invoices; administration of trip and events through the school fund; receipting and inputting of payments; dealing with queries from suppliers, students, and staff; general administrative duties.

This position will report directly to the Finance Officer and will include cash handling and processing responsibilities.

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th June 2009

Interviews: Expected to take place week commencing 6th July 2009

Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address.

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EXAMINATION SECRETARY

Term Time only - 24 hours per week (hours/days to be agreed)

Some flexibility of actual working hours may be required

Salary: pro-rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 point 12-21 – (currently £14,847 - £18,882 fte)

A rewarding opportunity has arisen for a pro-active, organised and self-motivated person to provide primary support for our examinations officer. This will involve preparation of seating plans, organising exam materials and coordinating student entry requirements and exam board queries, and will therefore necessitate dealings with both internal and external bodies. Particularly during the busy primary examination periods during the year some flexibility in working times would be an advantage.

This role has a dual function which at other times during the year will require the post-holder to provide support for general admin as necessary.

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Closing date: Friday 19th June 2009

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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Term Time only - 30-37 hours per week (negotiable)

Salary: pro rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 Point 12-21 – (currently £14,847-£18,882 fte)

We seek an experienced clerical support worker to take over the duties of Student Attendance Officer as soon as possible.

Tasks include recording and monitoring attendance of students, providing information for management and completion of returns for local and central Government. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and sound administrative/ICT capability.

- Job description and application form available on the school website
- Please contact the school to request an informal visit if required

Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager, to the above address.

Closing date: Friday 19th June 2009

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Valence School

Westerham Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN

Student Support Assistant

Full Time and Part Time hours available, Term Time Only.

This post involves shift work in supporting students with all their needs throughout their waking day, both within and outside the classroom. Kent Scheme Band 3 (pro-rata). £14,099 to £15,984 full time equivalent

Waking Night Student Support Assistant

Shifts are 10 p.m. until 8 a.m. Term Time Only.

This post involves working waking nights, and supporting students with their personal care needs over the night. There are a number of nights available. Kent Scheme Band 3 (pro-rata). £14,099 - £15,984 full time equivalent plus unsocial hours allowance

Mealtime Co-ordinator

3 hours per day (either 11am – 2pm or 12noon – 3pm) Term Time Only

This post involves liaising with the Kitchen team, Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists, setting up and clearing the dining room, and supporting students during lunch. Kent Scheme Band 4 (pro-rata) £15,984 to £16,793 full time equivalent.

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Valence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting every student's welfare. We expect all staff to share our commitment. The successful applicants will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check.

For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm.

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Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0649

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to teach on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within the Motor Vehicle Engineering Industry. MidKent College's highly successful Motor Vehicle department is looking for an interactive team member. The ideal candidate will hold a HNC in a related field and either possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are particularly interested in an individual that has the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen subject.

For an informal discussion about this role please call Simon Foot, Head of School on 01622 625864.

Closing date: Friday 26 June

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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BUSINESS MANAGER

KSS Band 12 (£41,112-£48,152)

Required for September 2009

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Business Manager to join the Senior Leadership Team and make a key strategic contribution to the continued development of the school.

The successful candidate will be highly motivated with superb interpersonal skills who can take the initiative and motivate others. You will also need to have a high level of experience in administration, financial management, project management and team leadership. Experience of working in education would be an advantage.

By 2010 the school will have undergone major redevelopment as part of the 'Building Schools for the Future' initiative and we would expect you to take a very 'hands on' role in this important project.

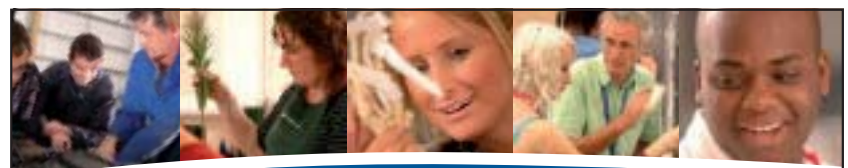
The School has a high profile for achievement locally and nationally and prides itself on a strong record of internal professional development. Academic standards are exceptionally high (Ofsted 2008) and the School has acquired Investor in People and Investor in Careers status. We were identified as one of the particularly successful schools in the HMI Chief Inspector's Report for 2002-03 and we have been a Specialist Science College since September 2004, adding a second specialism in Languages in April 2009.

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To request an application pack please contact Mrs Maureen Tong-Ralphs, PA to the Headteacher. Completed forms should be returned by **Monday 22nd June 2009** to Mrs Wilson, Headteacher.

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37 hours per week, salary starting at £27,209 per annum	
Coordinator Music and Music Technology Level 3	CO22
37 hours per week, salary starting at £27,209 per annum	
Lecturer Health & Social Care	L90
18.5 hours per week salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
Lecturer Science	09/15
37 or 2 x 18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum (pro rata for part time posts)	
Lecturer Graphic Design	09/21
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Work Experience Placement Officer	09/16
37 hours per week, 38 weeks per year term time, salary starting at £16,914 pro rata per annum. One year fixed term post	
Central Administrator	09/12
27 hours per week, salary starting at £15,085 pro rata per annum	
Apprenticeship Administration Assistant – European Social Fund and Projects	09/19
Full time Apprenticeship, salary £95 per week. Fixed Term post for the duration of the Apprenticeship	
Night Cleaners	09/22
5 posts, 20 hours each per week, salary £6.42 per hour. Temporary posts to cover maternity leave not to exceed 12 months	

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 22th June 2009 at 12 noon

For an information pack please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the above reference.

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Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, CT10 1EB
Tel- 01843 863421 Fax- 01843 866652
Email- office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT REQUIRED

We are looking for a domestic assistant to join our team of cleaners. The successful candidate will be someone with high standards who is keen to work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for our students and staff throughout the residential areas as well as classrooms and offices.

30 hours per week, 6.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday – 52 weeks per year with 5 weeks paid holiday to be taken during the school holidays.

Salary Kent Scheme Band 1 points 1-3, £9,574 - £10,157 per annum (£6.12-£6.49 per hour).

You will be eligible to join the KCC pension scheme. Stone Bay School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be required to have a CRB enhanced disclosure, and two references prior to starting.

For an application form and job description please telephone 01843 863421, write to Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, CT10 1EB, or e-mail to office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

Completed applications to be received by Friday 3rd July 2009.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

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Cover Supervisors x 2

Salary: NJC Scale D2 point 12 – Point 21 (presently £14,891 - £18,937 fte)
Term Time - 30 hours per week (Term time only)
Commencing September 2009

A rewarding opportunity has arisen for two pro-active, organised and self-motivated persons to join a successful and over-subscribed secondary school to provide teaching cover supervision across the school and cover for absent colleagues as required to a maximum of 25 lessons per week. In addition the successful applicants will be required to support student behaviour management systems and may occasionally be required to undertake other reasonable tasks commensurate with the role as may become necessary from time to time.

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th June 2009

Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address.

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Valence School

Westerham Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN

Personnel Assistant

15 hours per week • 40 weeks per year

This post involves providing administrative support for the Staff Services Department in relation to all aspects of staff personnel matters including recruitment, induction, payroll and pensions.

Kent Scheme Band 6 (pro-rata)
£18,471 - £20,262 full time equivalent

Grounds Maintenance Assistant

15 hours per week • 40 weeks per year

1 full-time or 2 part time positions are available
Clean driving license is essential; Horticultural or similar qualifications are desirable.

Kent Scheme 5
£16,793 - £18,471 full time equivalent

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For further information and an application form, please contact Lee-Anne Fossett. Please note the closing date for applications is Monday 22nd June 2009 at 4pm.

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Temple Ward, St Martins Hospital, Canterbury

We are looking for a qualified School Nurse Practice Teacher to work in the Canterbury Team and help drive the increase in qualified school nurses. You will be joining a proactive skill mix team working towards integration with health visiting to provide a seamless service to children and families in our locality. We work within the Eastern and Coastal Kent Framework for School Nursing.

If you are keen to shape the development of school nursing through promoting the education and training of qualified school nurses and are also interested in developing services which respond to the needs of the school years population and their families, then we would love to hear from you.

We would be prepared to consider a suitably qualified school nurse who is prepared to undertake the Practice Teacher course

Excellent communication skills, a forward thinking approach and commitment to team working are crucial.

It is recommended that you phone the teams for an informal discussion and they will be very happy to facilitate an informal visit. Please contact Chris Beer on 01227 812280 or Susan Gough, Locality Clinical Co-ordinator on 01843 855487.

A comprehensive corporate induction programme is provided at the commencement of employment.

Please ensure that you check your NHS Jobs account regularly in order to see if you have been successful in obtaining an interview.

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BRADSTOW SCHOOL

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Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends

Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009.

SENIOR CLASSROOM SUPPORT ASSISTANT

£13,063 - £14,205 (plus one hour of contractual overtime weekly) per annum - 36 hours per week– Term time only

The Senior Class Support Assistant will be prime support for teachers in a class, following pre-set work and behaviour programmes, and acting as the second in charge of the class team, leading and mentoring junior colleagues as and when appropriate.

Please note that the successful applicant will also be required to work on one Saturday per term, for which overtime will be paid.

Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Thursday 2nd July 2009.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the school and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group.

TEAM SUPPORT WORKER – EDUCATION

£12,496 per annum - 37_ hours per week, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.Mon-Fri - Term time only

Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009.

For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine) or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk.

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TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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Visits welcomed
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For an application pack please contact:
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**Closing date for applications
12 noon Friday 26th June 2009**



Ursuline College

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Maternity Cover - History Teacher

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The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check prior to the start of employment.

Please apply via email to Mrs Tanya Utton,
Headteacher at: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday 26th June 2009

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MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Programme Area Leader in Beauty

Ref: PAL01

Salary: £30,204- £33,935 per annum

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of action planning and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Foundation Programmes

Ref: P0567

Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum

We are looking to recruit an outstanding individual to teach and participate in the development of the Life and Work Skills for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The successful candidate will have good communication skills, a patient and mature attitude and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health and Social Care

Ref: P0063

Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of edexcel Healthcare programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Media

Ref: P0354

Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum

The successful candidate will teach on Media programmes, providing programme management and curriculum tutorial support as required. A Degree or HND in a Media Discipline and a creative attitude coupled with excellent communication skills is essential. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Animal Care

Ref: P0355

Salary: £20,700- £25,309 per annum

The primary role of the post holder will be to teach on and participate in the development of a range and levels of Animal Care courses. Courses are offered from Entry Level to Level Three. The Higher Diploma Environment and Land Based will start in September. A relevant qualification in Animal Care and previous experience is essential and the successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Equine experience would be welcomed, though not essential. Animal care is a vibrant department and all courses are popular and oversubscribed.

Lecturer in IT – Level 1

Ref: P0395

Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum

We wish to appoint a lecturer in Information Technology to teach across a range of BTEC and Diploma programmes to post 16 students at our Medway, Gillingham campus, especially at level 1 and including Functional Skills. They must either have or be prepared to undergo training for a teaching qualification and be able to manage and coordinate a team to provide and develop a coherent programme of study suitable for these levels of student.

Lecturer in IT – Level 2 and 3

Ref: P0366

Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum

We wish to appoint a lecturer in Information Technology to teach across a range of BTEC and Diploma programmes to post 16 students at our Medway, Gillingham campus at level 2 and level 3. They must either have or be prepared to undergo training for a teaching qualification and be able to manage and coordinate a team to provide and develop a coherent programme of study suitable for these levels of student. They must also be prepared to teach Functional Skills at level 2.

Technician in Hair

Ref: P0296

Salary: £13,544 - £16,392 per annum

The ideal candidate will be able to provide technical support to staff and students and will be responsible for setting-up and providing classroom support. Experience in the industry would be advantageous.

Technician in Building and Civil Engineering

Ref: P0149

Salary: £15,607 - £19,127 per annum

The primary role of the post holder will be to carry out technician duties, assist tutors and learners in all practical aspects of construction and perform other technician work across the school.

Closing date – Wednesday 17 June

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above.

Closing date is Monday 29th June 2009.

Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

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Co-educational Day and Boarding School

Required for September 2009

EFL

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Tel: 01304 205969 ext. 201

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for Maternity Cover Grade: D2 - Salary: £14891 - £18937 per annum Hours: 37 hours per week. Start Date: 24th August 2009 expected to end on 1st April 2010. A pro-active and self-motivated person is required to join our small but friendly Finance Team to cover maternity leave for an estimated period of 7 months. Previous financial and administrative experience is desirable and a knowledge of the education system would be an advantage. Prospective candidates should be should be responsive to demand and capable of working on their own initiative as well as part of a team. Responsibilities will include: processing of purchase orders and invoices; administration of trip and events through the school fund; receipting and inputting of payments; dealing with queries from suppliers, students, and staff; general administrative duties. This position will report directly to the Finance Officer and will include cash handling and processing responsibilities. Closing date for applications: Friday 26th June 2009 Interviews: Expected to take place week commencing 6th July 2009. Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address. The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.

To apply/more information: Thomas Aveling School
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Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Administration, Secretarial, PA

Receptionist

Hythe
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 26th June 2009
20 hours per week required for busy doctor's surgery to cover 2 evenings and 3 mornings. Must be flexible, keyboard skills an advantage but not essential. Please apply in writing with CV to Mrs Jill Blackman, Practice Manager, Sun Lane Surgery, 5 Sun Lane, Hythe, Kent CT21 5JX.
To apply/more information: Sun Lane Surgery
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email: jill.blackman2@nhs.net

Receptionist

Broadstairs
Salary: £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: 22 June 2009
Laleham Gap caters for pupils from 3-16 and is the county's leading provision for pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties. Required for September 2009: Receptionist needed at our Primary School in Broadstairs 28.5 hours per week term-time (8.30 - 1.45 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and 8.30 - 4.30 Wed) Kent Scheme Band 3 - £14,099 - £15,984 pro rata. We are looking for someone to provide receptionist and clerical support at our Primary School in Broadstairs. Will include reception duties, word processing, filing, photocopying, answering telephone and email queries. You will need to have up-to-date knowledge of word processing packages and good interpersonal skills. Knowledge of SIMS.Net software would be

advantageous. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people in its care and all posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure. Please send an A4 sized SAE (with 61p stamp) for an application pack to: Brenda Fallon, Laleham Gap School, 1 South Cliff Parade, Broadstairs, CT10 1TJ E-mail: office@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information: Laleham Gap School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email office@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk

Communications Coordinator

Sittingbourne
Salary: £22,000 (pro rata)
Closing Date: 22 June 09
Working 2 days per week - £22,000 (pro rata) for a fixed term until May 2011. Based initially in Sittingbourne. You will work with the website coordinator and the website development company to support the growth and development of the website. You will research and write content for the website which will be relevant to the VCS in Kent. You will need to have as a minimum, knowledge of web development and data base management. You will help develop Kent CAN's presence and profile in a variety of media platforms. For an application pack, please email communications@kentcan.org or you may download a pack online by visiting the KentCAN website www.kentcan.org. For an informal chat about the role, call Keith Morris, Chief Executive on 01795 424333.
To apply/more information: Kent Can
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 424333
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Apprenticeship Administration Assistant

Canterbury
Salary: £95 per week
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
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To apply/more information: Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 09/19
Tel: 01227 811282
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CLAIMS ADVISORS

Folkstone
Salary: £12,600 (pro-rata for part-time)
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Quoting Job Ref: 09/18
Tel: 01227 811282
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Night Cleaners

Canterbury
Salary: £6.42 per hour
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
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Domestic

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DOMESTIC ASSISTANT
Broadstairs
Salary: £9,574 - £10,157 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 3rd July 2009
We are looking for a domestic assistant to join our team of cleaners. The successful candidate will be someone with high standards who is keen to work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for our students and staff throughout the residential areas as well as classrooms and offices. 30 hours per week, 6.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday - 52 weeks per year with 5 weeks paid holiday to be taken during the school holidays. Salary Kent Scheme Band 1 points 1-3, £9,574 - £10,157 per annum (£6.12 - £6.49 per hour). You will be eligible to join the KCC pension scheme. Stone Bay School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be required to have a CRB enhanced disclosure, and two references prior to starting. For an application form and job description please telephone 01843 863421, write to Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, CT10 1EB, or e-mail to office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk. Completed applications to be received by Friday 3rd July 2009. Kent County Council is an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information: Stone Bay School
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Tel: 01843 863421
Email: office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

Pastoral Manager KS Band 6, Points 17-20
Gravesend
Salary: £15,586.44 pro rata
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To apply/more information: St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Education, Teacher, School

Teacher of Art and Design

Aylesford
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This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are keen to join our team at this exciting time in the development of our school please contact Miss Jill McKenna, on 01622-717341 ext 204 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
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Tel: 01622 717341
Email: jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

SIMS Co-ordinator KS Band 7, Points 20 - 24

Gravesend
Salary: £18,263.52 pro rata
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Pastoral Manager KS Band 6, Points 17-20

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Community Admin Assistant KS Band 4, Points 11 - 14

Gravesend
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St John's is being fully rebuilt as part of the Kent Building Schools for the Future initiative. Building work is now under way. We are seeking support staff in the following roles for September 2009 to help us develop before the school moves to the new premises in 2010. An enthusiastic and reliable person is required to work as administrative support for a Community (approximately 400 students). The successful candidate will be required to input student data, log attendance and behaviour, be first contact point for student medical assistance and provide admin support. Identification and resolution of student issues will be a key part of the job. Excellent English, Maths, communication and organisational skills are required. The successful candidate must have a First Aid qualification or be prepared to take the necessary course to obtain one.
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Receptionist (part-time) KS Band 3, Point 7 - 11

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Lecturer in Foundation Programmes

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This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you are keen to join our team at this exciting time in the development of our school please contact Miss Jill McKenna, on 01622-717341 ext 204 or e-mail your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

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Aylesford School - Sports College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 717341
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Programme Area Leader in Beauty

Medway
Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum
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We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of action planning and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.
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Lecturer in Health and Social Care

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Lecturer in Media

Medway
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Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June 09

The successful candidate will teach on Media programmes, providing programme management and curriculum tutorial support as required. A Degree or HND in a Media Discipline and a creative attitude coupled with excellent communication skills is essential. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.

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Lecturer in Animal Care

Medway
Salary: £20,700- £25,309 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June 09

The primary role of the post holder will be to teach on and participate in the development of a range and levels of Animal Care courses. Courses are offered from Entry Level to Level Three. The Higher Diploma Environment and Land Based will start in September. A relevant qualification in Animal Care and previous experience is essential and the successful candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Equine experience would be welcomed, though not essential. Animal care is a vibrant department and all courses are popular and oversubscribed. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.

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Lecturer in IT – Level 1

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Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June 09

We wish to appoint a lecturer in Information Technology to teach

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Lecturer in IT – Level 2 and 3

Medway
Salary: £25,895- £29,622 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June 09

We wish to appoint a lecturer in Information Technology to teach across a range of BTEC and Diploma programmes to post 16 students at our Medway, Gillingham campus at level 2 and level 3. They must either have or be prepared to undergo training for a teaching qualification and be able to manage and coordinate a team to provide and develop a coherent programme of study suitable for these levels of student. They must also be prepared to teach Functional Skills at level 2. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.

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Technician in Hair

Medway
Salary: £13,544 - £16,392 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June 09

The ideal candidate will be able to provide technical support to staff and students and will be responsible for setting-up and providing classroom support. Experience in the industry would be advantageous. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.

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Medway
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Closing Date: Wednesday 17 June

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To apply/more information:
Dover College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 205969 ext. 201
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hm.pa@dovercollege.org.uk

HOUSE MANAGER - CHILDCARE

Broadstairs
Salary: £26,067 - £28,172 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009

41 hours per week, (including split shifts and weekends) – Term time only. Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends. Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Please note that CV's will not be considered.
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Bradstow School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 608727
Email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk

HOUSEPARENT - CHILDCARE

Broadstairs
Salary: £15,217 - £17,233 per annum
Closing Date: 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009
33 hours per week (including split shifts and weekends) – Term time only. Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends. Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.

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SENIOR CLASSROOM SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Broadstairs
Salary: £13,063 - £14,205
Closing Date: 12 noon, Thursday 2nd July 2009.
£13,063 - £14,205 (plus one hour of contractual overtime weekly) per annum - 36 hours per week - Term time only. The Senior Class Support Assistant will be prime support for teachers in a class, following pre-set work and behaviour programmes, and acting as the second in charge of the class team, leading and mentoring junior colleagues as and when appropriate. Please note that the successful applicant will also be required to work on one Saturday per term, for which overtime will be paid. Applications should be received no later than 12 noon, Thursday 2nd July 2009. For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.

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LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Broadstairs
Salary: £12,496 per annum
Closing Date: 12 noon, Friday 19th June 2009.
LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the school and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group. TEAM SUPPORT WORKER - EDUCATION £12,496 per annum - 37 hours per week (negotiable) **Salary:** pro rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 Point 12-21 (currently £14,847-£18,882 fte) We seek an experienced clerical support worker to take over the duties of Student Attendance Officer as soon as possible. Tasks include recording and monitoring attendance of students, providing information for management and completion of returns for local and central Government. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and sound administrative/ICT capability. • Job description and application form available on the school website • Please contact the school to request an informal visit if required. Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager, to

children. For an application form and information pack please call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine), or email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be considered.
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EXAMINATION SECRETARY

Rochester
Salary: £14,847 - £18,882 fte Pro rata
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009
Term Time only - 24 hours per week (hours/days to be agreed) Some flexibility of actual working hours may be required **Salary:** pro-rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 point 12-21 (currently £14,847 - £18,882 fte). A rewarding opportunity has arisen for a pro-active, organised and self-motivated person to provide primary support for our examinations officer. This will involve preparation of seating plans, organising exam materials and coordinating student entry requirements and exam board queries, and will therefore necessitate dealings with both internal and external bodies. Particularly during the busy primary examination periods during the year some flexibility in working times would be an advantage. This role has a dual function which at other times during the year will require the post-holder to provide support for general admin as necessary. Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on the school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the address. Arethusa Road, Rochester, Kent, ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385 e-mail: office@thomasaveling.co.uk www.thomasaveling.co.uk The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.

To apply/more information:
Thomas Aveling School
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Rochester
Salary: £14,847-£18,882 fte Pro Rata
Closing Date: Friday 19th June 2009
Arethusa Road, ROCHESTER, Kent, ME1 2UW Headteacher: Mr P Jackson, BSc Tel: 01634 844809 Fax: 01634 818385 e-mail: office@thomasaveling.co.uk www.thomasaveling.co.uk Term Time only - 30-37 hours per week (negotiable) **Salary:** pro rata on the NJC Pay Scale Grade D2 Point 12-21 (currently £14,847-£18,882 fte) We seek an experienced clerical support worker to take over the duties of Student Attendance Officer as soon as possible. Tasks include recording and monitoring attendance of students, providing information for management and completion of returns for local and central Government. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and sound administrative/ICT capability. • Job description and application form available on the school website • Please contact the school to request an informal visit if required. Please send your letter of application & CV, together with Application Form (available on school website) to: Mr S Rayner, Finance & Business Manager, to

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Coordinator Music and Music technology Level 3

Canterbury
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Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
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Lecturer Health and Social Care

Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
18.5 hours per week
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
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Email
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Lecturer Science

Canterbury
Salary: £18,387 - £26,363 pro rata for part time posts
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37 hours per week or 2 x 18.5 hours per week
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Lecturer Graphic Design

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37 hours per week
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Central Administrator

Canterbury
Salary: £15,085 pro rata pa
Closing Date: Monday 22 June at 12 Noon
27 hours per week
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Cover Supervisor

Maidstone
Salary: £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata
Closing Date: Monday 29th June 2009
New Line Learning Academy was opened on the Boughton Lane site in record time and marks the beginning of a process that will see the Academy rebuilt by September 2010. Our academics offer opportunities to improve outcomes for students attending our schools by placing a greater emphasis on responding to individual need. We are looking to recruit for the following posts for September 2009: Cover Supervisor Kent Scheme 5 £16,221-£17,842 Pro Rata Full time, Term Time only The post involves covering staff sickness and training days at this mixed ability Academy. You will be required to cover all subjects as a floating teacher. We are seeking a strong candidate with a high level of initiative and strong classroom management skills. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the Personnel Department on the details above. Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure. New Line Learning is an equal opportunities employer.

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New Line Learning Academy
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Tel: 01622 743152
Email
personnel@newlinelearning.com

Senior Lab Technician

Maidstone
Salary: £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata
Closing Date: Monday 29th June 2009
Senior Lab Technician Kent Scheme 7 £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata Full time, Term Time only This post involves co-ordinating the use and maintenance of practical resources and facilities. You will be required to provide assistance and advice to teachers, students and technicians regarding the practical needs of the Science Curriculum. You will also be involved in supervising and directing the learning activities of groups of students to ensure



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Cover Supervisors x 2

Rochester
Salary: £14,891 - £18,937 fte
Closing Date: Friday 26th June 2009
Salary: NJC Scale D2 point 12

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 A rewarding opportunity has arisen for two pro-active, organised and self-motivated persons to join a successful and over-subscribed secondary school to provide teaching cover supervision across the school and cover for absent colleagues as required to a maximum of 25 lessons per week. In addition the successful applicants will be required to support student behaviour management systems and may occasionally be required to undertake other reasonable tasks commensurate with the role as may become necessary from time to time. Please send your letter of application (available on the school website) with your CV to: Mr S Rayner, Finance and Business Manager, to the above address. The Thomas Aveling School is an equal opportunities employer - committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students and an enhanced CRB check will be required for the successful applicant.

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Teaching Assistants

Maidstone
Salary: £14,090 - £15,984 pro rata
Closing Date: 12 noon Friday 26th June 2009
 Teaching Assistants needed for September 2009 at St Paul's Infant School, Hillary Road, Maidstone • Part-time or full-time work considered • Term-time only • Supporting children on a one-to-one basis. For all posts we are looking for candidates who are empathetic, friendly, flexible, organised and good at working in a team to join our happy, supportive school. Visits welcomed. Salary KS3.7 - .11 (£140909 - £15984 pro rata) For an application pack please contact Mrs Wendy Pound, Business Manager on 01622 753322.
To apply/more information: St Pauls Infants
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
 Tel: 01622 753322
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Teacher of Science - Maternity Cover from September 2009

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Orpington
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Closing Date: 26 June 09
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Engineering Programme Manager

Rochester
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01843 234160
 Email paul.gibbs@fst-lettings.co.uk

Health & Safety, Security, Defense

Residential Caretaker

Sevenoaks
Salary: £18,092
Closing Date: 19 June 2009
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To apply/more information: West Kent Housing
Quoting Job Ref: KOS/BOS003
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Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Dray Mate

Kent
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Management, Senior Positions

Business Manager

Gravesend
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Closing Date: Monday 22nd June 2009
 Required for September 2009. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Business Manager to join the

Senior Leadership Team and make a key strategic contribution to the continued development of the school. The successful candidate will be highly motivated with superb interpersonal skills who can take the initiative and motivate others. You will also need to have a high level of experience in administration, financial management, project management and team leadership. Experience of working in education would be an advantage. By 2010 the school will have undergone major redevelopment as part of the 'Building Schools for the Future' initiative and we would expect you to take a very 'hands on' role in this important project. The School has a high profile for achievement locally and nationally and prides itself on a strong record of internal professional development. Academic standards are exceptionally high (Ofsted 2008) and the School has acquired Investor in People and Investor in Careers status. We were identified as one of the particularly successful schools in the HMI Chief Inspector's Report for 2002-03 and we have been a Specialist Science College since September 2004, adding a second specialism in Languages in April 2009. To request an application pack please contact Mrs Maureen Tong-Ralphs, Headteacher. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
To apply/more information: Mrs Maureen Tong-Ralphs
 Gravesend Grammar School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01474 352896
 Email enquiries@yggsg.org.uk

Projects Manager

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
 You will need to have been employed as a Projects Manager with at least 3 years relevant experience. Able to coordinate and manage site installation activities including sub-contractors. Experience of networked BMS systems. Ability to manage all aspects of a project including budget and cost control reporting to Director level. Both roles require travel throughout the South East, a good grounding in electronics and/or electrical installation with a working knowledge of wiring regulations and health & safety. You will be highly motivated and flexible with a positive attitude and the ability to work on our initiative, a clean driving license and CSCS card. CV's can be emailed to recruitment@safesoundsoundcontrols.co.uk or posted to Unit 22 Chislet Close, Lakesview International Business Park, Canterbury, Kent CT3 4LB.
To apply/more information: Safe and Sound Control
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email recruitment@safesoundsoundcontrols.co.uk

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dartford
Salary: £30,000-£32,000p.a
Closing Date: 19th June 2009
 Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services (ADSS) seek a CEO to succeed the current post holder who is retiring. ADSS an independent charity, is the lead provider of practical and emotional support to people with dementia and their carers' in North West Kent and is well regarded by those who use the service and its funders. The role is wide ranging and requires an understanding of dementia and its impact on individuals and their families.

You will need a sound knowledge of charity and employment law, financial management, an ability to lead a dedicated team with a commitment to drive the charity forward. This is a full time post 37 hours per week with some unsocial hours. Start date Oct/Nov 2009. To request a postal application pack either Tel: 01474 533990 or email adminadss@btconnect.com by 19th June 2009.
To apply/more information: Alzheimer's & Dementia Support
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01474 533990
 Email adminadss@btconnect.com

FOSTER MANAGER

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
 Benecare is looking for a Fostering Manager with Developmental experience who can take our OFSTED Registered Fostering Agency into the next stage of our Strategic plan. Based in Kent we now intend to take our service provision closer to London authorities and to adjacent counties. Our new additional office will be based in Northern / Kent London Borders and it will be part of the successful candidates' job to help set this up. For a full discussion of the role and expectations, terms, and generous performance reward provisions please contact Steve Richmond Managing Director On : Office - 01892 740886 Mobile 07710 145802.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01892 740886
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

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Website Coordinator

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Closing Date: 22 June 09
 Working 3 days per week - £23,500 (pro rata) for a fixed term until May 2011. Based initially in Sittingbourne, with a high level of travel. We are looking for someone to visit voluntary organisations across Kent to support the development of the organisations websites. Must have broad website and IT experience. For an application pack, please email communications@kentcan.org or you may download a pack online by visiting the KentCAN website www.kentcan.org For an informal chat about the role, call Keith Morris, Chief Executive on 01795 424333.
To apply/more information: Kent Can
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 424333
 Email communications@kentcan.org

Motor Trade, Driver

Retail Car Sales Consultants

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
 FG Barnes (Maidstone) Ltd

Vauxhall & Chevrolet Retailer • Retail Car Sales Consultants • B2B Sales Consultants • Commercial Vehicle Specialist • Finance & Insurance Business Manager. The introduction of the Government backed scrappage scheme has been a tremendous success here at FG Barnes (Maidstone) who is part of the Barnes Group, a family owned motor dealer group based in South East. We are now looking for experienced sales professionals to join our busy sales team. As part of the Vauxhall & Chevrolet Dealer network committed to quality through innovation we offer an attractive salary structure, exciting career opportunities and a secure future. If you are ambitious and want to join a retailer aspiring to become the market leader in the area through customer satisfaction, then please write to us with your career history and current salary including bonus and benefit details to: General Manager, FG Barnes (Maidstone) Ltd, Sutton Road, Park Wood, Maidstone ME15 9YF. Email: enquiries@fgbarnes.co.uk
To apply/more information: F G Barnes
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email enquiries@fgbarnes.co.uk

B2B Sales Consultants

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
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Commercial Vehicle Specialist

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
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Manager, FG Barnes (Maidstone) Ltd, Sutton Road, Park Wood, Maidstone ME15 9YF. Email: enquiries@fgbarnes.co.uk
To apply/more information:
 F G Barnes
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email enquiries@fgbarnes.co.uk

Finance and Insurance Business Manager

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
 F G Barnes
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email enquiries@fgbarnes.co.uk

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 26 June
 We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to teach on a range of Motor Vehicle courses. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within the Motor Vehicle Engineering Industry. MidKent College's highly successful Motor Vehicle department is looking for an interactive team member. The ideal candidate will hold a HNC in a related field and either possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are particularly interested in an individual that has the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen subject. For an informal discussion about this role please call Simon Foot, Head of School on 01622 625864. Closing Date: Friday 26 June Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The

College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information:
 Mid Kent College
 Quoting Job Ref: P0649
 Tel: 01634 884402
 Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT AND NIGHT CARE ASSISTANT

Hythe
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
 Hythe Nursing Home
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01303 265441
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Broker

Canterbury
Salary: £20,791 per annum
Closing Date: 22/06/09
 East Kent Mencap has been selected by Kent Adult Social Services to undertake a one year pilot to implement Self Directed Support in Dover, Canterbury and Thanet. Self Directed Support (SDS) means:
 • Better access to information, advice and guidance to support people in finding their own solutions.
 • People will be able

to self assess with as much or as little support as they need to complete the assessment.
 • Everyone who is eligible for social care will have a personal budget and know what money they have to plan their support
 • People will have control over the way the money is spent, so they can plan their own lives
 • Providing people with as much or as little help in directing their own support and managing the money as they need. This is a genuine opportunity for people with learning disabilities to realise a Personalised and independent future. Flexible and highly motivated Brokers will be vital in achieving successful self directed support outcomes. Brokers provide a skilled, technical service that is distinct from the role of advocates and separate from the role of assessment. The key functions of Brokerage are:
 • Planning
 • Service Design
 • Arranging Support Packages
 • Finance Management
 • Employing Staff
 We are seeking a full time broker for 37 hours per week to cover the Canterbury and Thanet Districts. We will consider part time posts. The successful applicant will receive full Brokerage training and work with Key Partners to develop and sustain generic services. For an application pack or more information contact Jason Gerlack CEO, East Kent Mencap (01843-224482).
To apply/more information:
 Jason Gerlack
 East Kent Mencap
 Quoting Job Ref: BRK0001
 Tel: 01843-224482
 Email Jason.Gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Broker

Thanet
Salary: £20,791 per annum
Closing Date: 22/06/09
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To apply/more information:
 Jason Gerlack
 East Kent Mencap
 Quoting Job Ref: BRK0001
 Tel: 01843 224482
 Email Jason.Gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Registered Nurses Level 1

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
 Full and Part Time positions available. ASSISTANT MANAGER EASTFIELD RESIDENTIAL HOME MAIDSTONE. Minimum qualification NVQ111 with preferred experience in Dementia Care Salary negotiable For details contact

Tina Thomas Mob: 07707038230 Email: Tina.Thomas@njch.co.uk
To apply/more information:
 Pauline Matthews
 Nicholas James Care Homes Ltd
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 458116
 Email managerharbledown@njch.co.uk

Assistant Manager

Maidstone
Salary: Negotiable
To apply/more information:
 Tina Thomas
 Nicholas James Care Homes Ltd
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 07707038230
 Email Tina.Thomas@njch.co.uk

Waking Night Carers

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
 We are a specialist care home for younger adults with dementia (Korsakoff's Syndrome) Due to growth, we seek 2 kind, sensible, fun but reliable individuals to join our team and provide care and support to our clients during the night. You will have 4+ yrs experience in mental health/residential care, or equivalent in a person-centred industry. Full training provided for all, including VRQ's?NVQ's. £78 - £94 per 12hr shift, 28 days holiday. For more info, see www.dementia-care.com. To apply, call Emma, 9am - 5pm Mon-Fri on 01227 860516 or 07811 200279 or email: emma@theupstreetproject.org.uk
To apply/more information:
 Elizabeth House
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 860516
 Email emma@theupstreetproject.org.uk

Support Workers x 2

Dover
Salary: £9,389
Closing Date: Monday June 29th
 Kent Refugee Action Network, Riverside Outreach Project Canterbury urgently requires to find 2 part time Support Workers to deliver a programme of Life Skills Training to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking

Children. These 2 year posts funded by the Princess Diana Memorial Trust are for 15 hours per week, paid on NJC point 28, giving an annual salary of £9,389 The hours may be subject to increase over the term. The work will initially be required in Ashford and Canterbury and later spreading to other areas within the County. The successful applicants will probably come from a Teaching or Youth Work background but we are interested to hear from anyone with good practical and communication skills. Please contact our Project Manager, Revd Kenneth Berkin at ken.berkin@ntlworld.com or call Ken direct on 07854 409771 if you want to discuss these positions. Application forms may be obtained from the KRAN office at 9 Priory Road, Dover, Kent CT17 9RQ. Tel: 01304 215758 or ann@kran.org.uk The closing date for applications is Monday June 29th
To apply/more information:
 Kent Refugee Action Network
 Quoting Job Ref: KOS
 Tel: 01304 215758
 Email ann@kran.org.uk

Other

Mystery Shoppers

Thanet
Salary: TBA
 Mystery Shoppers needed in Thanet, Kent. We are currently recruiting for mystery shoppers of all ages in Thanet. A mystery shopper is someone who visits an establishment, typically a retail store, for the purpose of observing and evaluating customer service, product quality and the environment of the establishment from a typical customer's perspective. After visiting the specified establishment shoppers then complete an online visit questionnaire. Good rates apply per mystery shop. Please apply to alishw@catalyst-mc.com and attach your CV.
To apply/more information:
 Catalyst
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email alishw@catalyst-mc.com

Public Sector, Social Services

Scheme Leader for NVQ Health and Social Care

Canterbury
Salary: Band 6: £24,831 - £33,436 p.a.
Closing Date: 16 June 2009
 Based in Canterbury/West Malling. The KMPT NVQ Centre wishes to recruit a full time member of staff to take the lead in the delivery of NVQs in Health and Social Care. Ideally you will hold the Certificate in Education (post compulsory) and be qualified as an NVQ assessor. The internal verifier award is seen as essential, however if you do not hold this award, you will be supported to undertake it. In addition to this, you will be a registered nurse or hold an equivalent level four vocational qualification in health and social care. This is an exciting position in a rapidly developing centre that delivers NVQs to staff working within the Trust and to external candidates. For an informal discussion please contact Martin Hunt on 01227 812307 or email martin.hunt@kmpt.nhs.uk If your application is successful, you will be notified by e-mail.
To apply/more information:
 Martin Hunt
 Kent & Medway NHS
 Quoting Job Ref: P910
 Tel: 01227 812307
 Email martin.hunt@kmpt.nhs.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Catalogue Distributors

Maidstone
Salary: £50-£300 per week
 £50-£300 per week Flexi hours, Part or full time, 18+ Tel: 01622 808617 www.goldchasers.co.uk Catalogue Distributors Required.
To apply/more information:
 Goldchasers
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 808617
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

LGV C Roll On/Off Driver

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £8.50 - £12.75 per hour
Closing Date: 16/6/09
 LGV C (HGV Class 2) Drivers required with Roll On/Off experience to cover weekend work at two of our clients sites in Kent. Duties will primarily involve working on a household waste site, emptying and moving bins as necessary. Applicants must be able to show previous experience of Roll On/Off work. You will also be required to sit through a Health & Safety Induction CD. For insurance purposes, applicants must be 25 or over, and have no more than 6 points for minor endorsements (no DRs or DDs). Saturday and Sunday @ £12.75 per hour, Weekdays @ £8.50 per hour.
To apply/more information:
 Alex - Best Connection Agency
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

LGV Dray Drivers

Dartford
Salary: £8.50/hr - £9.50/hr
 LGV C+E (HGV Class 1) and LGV C (HGV Class 2) drivers required to undertake deliveries of barrels, kegs and crates to licenced establishments throughout Kent, Sussex, Essex and London. Drivers will be accompanied by a drivers mate, who will assist with map reading, and the loading and unloading of goods. Hours of work Monday to Friday and occasional weekends/bank holidays. Start times around 0500. LGV C+E : £9.50/hr, LGV C : £8.50/hr, guaranteed 10hrs per day. It is an advantage if applicants have previous dry delivery experience.
To apply/more information:
 Andy - Best Connection Agency
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS - NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/01209/FL & TM/09/01211/LB - 1 Sheldon Court Ditton Aylesford Kent ME20 6AL - Mr Richard Gale is applying for To reinstate no1 and no2 Sheldon Court as two dwellings as per planning permission TM05/00282LB. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/00961/FL - Castle Lake Castle Way Leybourne West Malling Kent ME19 5TR - Whitbread Group PLC are applying for variation of Condition 20 of planning consent ref. TM95/51653/FL (A3 'Brewers Fayre' family restaurant and bar, 40 no. bedroom 'Travel Inn' hotel block, car parking, alteration to access) to allow an extension of opening hours for non-hotel users from 0700 hrs - 2300 hrs to 0700 hrs - 0100 hrs. Reason: PROW

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
 CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
 PROW Application affects a Public Right of Way

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk - click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 5 July 2009.

David Hughes
 Chief Executive

14 June 2009



The Insolvency Act 1986 TOTAL CLEANING SERVICES (SOUTH) LIMITED (Company No: 03104897)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Coach House, Mill Road, Sturry, Canterbury, Kent CT2 0AJ, on 24 June 2009, at 11.00 am for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the company's affairs, together with a list of creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee pursuant to Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The resolutions to be taken at the meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated in terms of fees and disbursements (including those as categorised in the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, Category 2) and a Resolution conferring upon the duly appointed Liquidator the powers contained in Schedule 4 Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The meeting may receive information about, and be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening the meeting. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be examined free of charge at the offices of Altherton Bailey, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days prior to the day of the meeting. To be entitled to vote creditors must lodge a full statement of account and unless claiming personally they must also submit a form of proxy which, if intended to be used, must be duly completed and lodged at the registered office of the company, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting. Unless they surrender their security Secured Creditors, if they wish to vote at the meeting, must also lodge full details of their security and its assessed value.
 Dated: 8 June 2009
 By Order of the Board
 Mark Radford, Director

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Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (EARLS AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new waste water pipe, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Earls Avenue, Ashford, from 29 June 2009 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Earls Avenue, Harvey Road, Foxglove Road and Hythe Road. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, but vehicular access in Earls Avenue for residents will be restricted.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new waste water pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Alsops Road and Bentley Road, Ashford, from 15 June 2009, for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete. Alsops Road will be closed for its entire length. Bentley Road will be closed between No.16 and the junction with Alsops Road.

The alternative route for through traffic for Bentley Road will be via Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue. There is no alternative route for Alsops Road; pedestrian access will be maintained at all times but vehicular access to Alsops Road and Sotherton will be severely restricted and only available when safe to do so.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ROMDEN ROAD, SMARDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Romden Road, Smarden, between the junctions of Dorking Lane and Pluckley Road, from 15 June 2009, for an estimated period of one week or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Dorking Lane and Pluckley Road.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BOW HILL, UPPER HARDRES) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because overhead cabling works are to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bow Hill, Upper Hardres between the junction of Catts Wood Road and the junction of Hardres Court Road, on 29 June 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Catts Wood Road and Hardres Court Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BIGBURY ROAD, CHARTHAM HATCH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because overhead power cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bigbury Road, Chartam Hatch between the junction of Faulkners Lane to the junction of Denstead Lane on 1 July 2009 for an estimated period of one day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Howfield Lane, A28 Ashford Road, Thanington Road, Rheims Way, Harbledown By-pass and Faulkners Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A291 CANTERBURY ROAD, HERNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Puffin Crossing Installation and associated carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on A291 Canterbury Road, Herne from its junction with Mill View Road to Albion Lane on 15 June 2009 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A299 Thanet Way, A28 Canterbury Road, A28 Island Road and A291 Herne Bay Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 15 June 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL OAK LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Oak Lane, Sevenoaks outside the property known as The Croft.

The Order will become effective on 29th June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last four weeks from the date above. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Gracious Lane, Weald Road, Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the replacement of a gas main.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HOLLY BUSH LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Holly Bush Lane, Sevenoaks between Dartford Road to Avalon Music Shop.

The Order will become effective on 29th June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 1 day and take place on 5th July 2009. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Dartford Road, Quakers Hall Lane, Bayham Road, Vine Court Road, Dartford Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate a customer service repair on behalf of BT.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ROAD OF REMEMBRANCE, FOLKESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because street lighting and cable replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Road of Remembrance, Folkestone from the roundabout with West Terrace to the junction with Marine Terrace and Lower Sandgate Road on 21 June 2009 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic westbound will be via Lower Sandgate Road, Harbour Street, Tontine Street, Dover Road, Grace Hill, Shellons Street, Middleburg Square, Cheriton Place, Sandgate Road and West Terrace. Traffic heading eastbound via West Terrace, Bouverie Place, Middleburg Square, Foresters Way, Foord Road North, New Street, Bradstone Road, Dover Road, Harbour Way, Ryland Place, The Tram Road, Harbour Street, Harbour Approach Road and Marine Terrace.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CHISLEHURST CONTRACTORS LTD (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) Company No. 5991439
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, David Elliott of Moore Stephens LLP, Victory House, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4QU was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 4th June 2009.
David Elliott, Liquidator

CHIKARA SOLUTIONS LIMITED Company Number 05470394
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery at Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 12.00 noon for the purpose provided for in Section 98 et seq. of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Ian Yerrill, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH will, during the period before the date of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they reasonably require.
Dated 22 May 2009
Paul McIntock, Director

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MEDWAY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE PRIMARY SCHOOLS REORGANISATION IN MEDWAY

The purposes of this notice are to:

- give notice that a public consultation is being held between **10 June and 22 July, 2009** on why we are consulting on the proposal to close three schools, Ridge Meadow, St John's CE (VC) Infant and St Peter's Infant;
- inform you of how you can receive information about this proposal;
- invite you to attend open public consultation meetings where you will be able to ask questions and comment on the proposals;
- encourage you to express your views.

Public consultation meetings
The consultation meetings are open to everyone. Officers will be there to make a presentation and answer questions.
The consultation meetings will take place on:

Date	School	Venue	Time
17 June, 2009	Ridge Meadow Primary School	Ridge Meadow Primary School, Churchill Avenue, Chatham, Kent ME5 0LA	6.30-8pm
7 July, 2009	St John's CE (VC) Infant School	St John Fisher Catholic School, Ordance Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 6SG	6.30-8pm
13 July, 2009	St Peter's Infant School	St Peter's Church, Deice Road, Rochester, Kent ME1 2HU	6.30-8pm

Copies of the public consultation document can be downloaded from www.medway.gov.uk/primaryplan by emailing prim.rcoreg@medway.gov.uk or by phoning 01634 331040.



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PUBLIC NOTICE TO CLOSE NEW BROMPTON COLLEGE AND OPEN AN ACADEMY

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR intends to discontinue **NEW BROMPTON COLLEGE**, Marlborough Road, Gillingham, ME7 5HT on 31 August 2010.

The proposal to discontinue New Brompton College is related to the creation of the new academy in Gillingham. Following the closure of New Brompton College it is proposed that all students be transferred to the proposed academy in Gillingham. Admission may also be sought to other schools that have places.

The academy will continue to provide ways of meeting the needs of students who have special educational needs by making a range of provision to support students' learning, emotional, social and behavioural needs. This will build on the predecessor school's specific provision for pupils with speech, language and specific learning difficulties and its menu of flexible provision for those with other needs. This will lead to improvements in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for children with special educational needs.

Medway Council has no proposed arrangements for travel of displaced pupils as all existing pupils of New Brompton College will be transferred to the new Gillingham Academy which will use the accommodation on the existing New Brompton College site from 1 September 2010 until the academy is built on the same site in 2013.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Chris McKenzie, Head of School Organisation and Student Services, Children and Adults, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR. Phone 01634 334013 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/gillinghamacademy

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to, or make comments on, the proposal by sending them in writing to Simon Trotter, Assistant Director Learning and Achievement, Children and Adults, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR.

Signed: Rose Collinson
Director of Children & Adults-
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Toyota takes on recession with muscular Yaris

TOYOTA has shown what happens if you pump air into the exhaust pipe of its Yaris supermini.

Result: a Yaris-based mini 4x4-cum-SUV fit for the recession and called the Urban Cruiser. It fits into the Toyota range below the successful RAV4 and effectively replaces the now defunct three-door version of that car.

Whether 'this son of RAV' will be such a big a hit – the original is now into its third generation – depends on whether our once insatiable appetite for 4x4 lookalikes or SUVs continues in recessionary times.

The signs are good though according to Kent's three Motorline Toyota dealerships – the Ashford site loaned us an Urban Cruiser for this first drive – where the sales team reckon they can sell as many of the newcomers as they can source.

Part of the customer interest is due to the Cruiser being an excellent alternative to a standard family hatch such as Toyota's own Auris, as well as attracting established SUV/4x4 fans looking for something smaller and more economical.

Not only is the cabin spacious, but the rear

bench slides forward and backwards to increase rear legroom or boot space as required.

The Urban Cruiser is also available in two distinct forms. There is a 89bhp 1.4-litre diesel (from £16,400) capable of averaging nearly 60mpg and still delivering 4x4 power as required; this should please those already keen on all-wheel drive, but seeking better economy and lower emissions and road tax.

But the more interesting venture, as tested here is the front-wheel-drive only entry model (from £14,500) with an all-new 100bhp 1.33-litre petrol engine that made its debut in the Yaris just a few months ago.

It also features the same Stop-Start system that kills the engine when stationary and then smoothly re-starts it when the driver wants to move off, helping the Cruiser to an eco-friendly 50+mpg average.

Despite its relatively small capacity though, the engine is quite punchy and, apart from some coarseness during low-down acceleration, allows some sporty driving – this front-wheel

drive version feels taut in the corner, yet ride comfort is also impressive. A six-speed gearbox also allows smooth motorway cruising.

However, neither Cruiser version slips below 12 seconds in racing to 60mph, so we wait to see whether Toyota follows these politically correct options with something beefier to match those muscle-bound lines.

Just to underline this new interpretation of the 'funky chunky' 4x4 body style is a whole lot greener, there is even an indicator on the dashboard to highlight the optimum gear change points.

The car feels exceptionally well-built, though the interior falls short of imagination shown by the exterior styling. Nevertheless, occupants sit slightly higher in the classic SUV way and the cabin is well-arranged, with lots of stowage compartment and two lidded compartments ahead of the front passenger.

Standard kit is generous, including 16-inch alloys, Bluetooth, automatic air con, keyless entry/start with starter button, rear privacy glass and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror.

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New generation BMW Z4 gets folding hardtop

BMW went radical to replace its retro Z3 roadster with the controversial Z4 in 2003.

Having educated the market to that distinctive styling though, the German marque opted for 're-model' this time to create the next generation Z4, now in showrooms.

However, the new Z4 has gained an obvious new feature – a folding hardtop to match that pioneered by the car's arch rival, the Mercedes-Benz SLK.

While the all-season, two-piece, 20-second up or down roof might attract the posers though, keen drivers will zoom in on the adaptive M suspension.

The BMW system makes its production debut on the newcomer and uses electronically controlled dampers to offer three settings to suit driving mood and lower ride height by up to 10mm.

This should allow the Z4 to be everything from comfortable tourer to street racer, though BMW insists that even the ultimate Sport+ setting will be no more of hard ride than that of the previous Z4 model.

Prices start from £28,650 with three six-cylinder petrol engines offered for now, including the award-winning 3.0-litre twin-turbo unit in the £37,065 flagship Z4 sDrive35i and developing 306bhp.

SEAT will reinforce its sporty 'Auto Emocion' image with two new scorers, starting with the latest Leon Cupra hot hatch in July.

This will be followed by the Ibiza FR supermini in September.

'Cupra' denotes the hottest Seats so there is 240PS (237bhp) on tap in the Leon flagship, which has had a makeover that makes it look even more muscular.

There are now big vents beneath the honeycomb central grille, while the rear has extra black highlights bearing word 'Cupra' and a polished steel oval tailpipe.

The car also now sits lower and meaner and wears beefy 18-inch alloys and gloss black door mirror housings, while the interior is similarly 'Cupra' branded, including the authentic racing-bucket front seats.

Seat completes sporting double

Top speed is 153 mph and the 0-62mph sprint takes just 6.4 seconds.

Its junior partner, the Ibiza FR 'pocket rocket' is unlikely to match that when it arrives, but does have an impressive powertrain – the VW Group's 150 PS (148bhp) 'twin-charger' 1.4 TSI engine.

This relatively small capacity petrol engine delivers big engine performance by using both a

supercharger a turbocharger – a first in the supermini class, but already seen and driven by us in VW models.

It is also mated with VW Group's latest generation seven-speed DSG (twin-clutch) auto/manual gearbox with steering wheel shift paddles fitted as standard.

Prices for both cars will be announced nearer to launch.



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FABIA	CLASSIC SDR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GK03EZJ	JUNE '03	41910	CORRIDA RED	£4,290.00
FABIA	COMFORT SDR HATCH	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	X779EKL	SEPTEMBER '00	46346	CANDY WHITE	£3,490.00
FABIA	AMBIENTE SDR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	KX55GYG	SEPTEMBER '05	36164	SATIN GREY	£5,990.00
FABIA	1 SDR HATCH	1.4 TDI 70 BHP (DIESEL)	GD08FML	JULY '08	6035	TANGIERINE ORANGE	£8,290.00
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OCTAVIA	GLX SDR HATCH	2.0 MPI (PETROL)	X7350BW	OCTOBER '00	72592	PETROL GREEN	£2,990.00
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FABIA	2 SDR HATCH	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£12,240.00	£2,540.00	£9,700.00
FABIA	2 SDR HATCH	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	TANGIERINE ORANGE	£12,560.00	£2,570.00	£9,990.00
FABIA	2 SDR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	SATIN GREY	£12,925.00	£2,435.00	£10,490.00
FABIA	2 SDR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	SATIN GREY	£13,310.00	£2,820.00	£10,490.00
FABIA	2 SDR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2009-09	TBA	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£12,895.00	£3,105.00	£9,790.00
FABIA	3 SDR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	FLAMENCO RED	£14,315.00	£3,325.00	£10,990.00
FABIA	SPORT SDR HATCH	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2009-58	0	BRIGHT SILVER	£13,215.00	£2,325.00	£10,890.00
FABIA	2 SDR ESTATE	1.4 16v 85 BHP (PETROL)	2008-08	12177	STORM BLUE	£12,330.00	£3,350.00	£8,980.00
FABIA	2 SDR ESTATE	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	CORRIDA RED	£12,490.00	£2,500.00	£9,990.00
FABIA	GREENLINE SDR ESTATE	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2009-09	TBA	SATIN GREY	£13,430.00	£2,840.00	£10,590.00
ROOMSTER	LEVEL 2 SDR MPV	1.6 16v 105 BHP AUTO (PETROL)	2009-09	TBA	POLAR BLUE	£13,470.00	£2,980.00	£10,490.00
ROOMSTER	LEVEL 2 SDR MPV	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2009-09	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£13,530.00	£2,540.00	£10,990.00
ROOMSTER	LEVEL 3 SDR MPV	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	ANTHRACITE GREY	£14,735.00	£3,745.00	£10,990.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE	5DR HATCH	1.8T 160 BHP (PETROL)	2008-58	TBA	DIAMOND SILVER	£15,190.00	£5,700.00	£11,490.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE	5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-57	10585	BRIGHT SILVER	£15,150.00	£4,160.00	£10,990.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE	5DR HATCH	1.6 FSI 105 BHP (PETROL)	2008-58	TBA	FLAMENCO RED	£14,665.00	£2,175.00	£12,490.00
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE	5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008-58	TBA	SATIN GREY	£16,170.00	£3,680.00	£12,490.00
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OCTAVIA	SE SDR ESTATE	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2009-09	TBA	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£16,810.00	£3,420.00	£13,390.00
OCTAVIA	L&S SDR ESTATE	2.0 FSI AUTO (PETROL)	2008-08	TBA	ISLAND GREEN	£20,595.00	£4,775.00	£15,820.00
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Skoda reveals its 'extreme' creations



SKODA'S revision of mainstream Octavia models late last year has now gone to extremes – with a similar makeover for the sporty vRS and rugged Scout models.

The vRS has been good for sales and the Czech brand's image since the first generation model arrived in 2000, with 70 per cent sold as estates to canny owners who see a bargain alternative to sporty lifestyle estates from BMW and Audi.

The revised version gets the new look Octavia grille and bolder headlamps, which can now be fitted with xenon headlights and adaptive front lighting, plus front fog lamps with optional cornering function and LED

by
STEVE LOADER

lamps for daytime lighting. The rear lights have also been redesigned and the vRS has a lowered and sports-tuned chassis.

The car is also lighter – the petrol version by 20 kilos and the diesel by 15 – and top speed slightly higher due to better air flow over the new front end.

Buyers can choose between a 200bhp turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol engine offering

an average of around 38mpg or a 170bhp 2.0-litre diesel averaging nearly 50mpg.

The car's alter-ego, the rough-tough 4x4 Scout (pictured left), is a newer offering from Skoda – arriving in 2007.

In addition to the new Octavia grille and headlamps, the Scout also gets revised side mouldings to suit limited off-roading using its higher ground clearance, chassis protection and all-wheel drive system, which can transfer as much as 86 per cent of the engine's pulling power to a single wheel.

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Smart 'pram' evokes childhood memories



FUNNY how modern motoring moments evoke memories.

Low-slung roadsters remind me of an exhilarating ride in an Austin-Healey my father owned when I was just six.

And when I threaded my way home in snow earlier this year, I thanked the stars I was not driving a VW Beetle I had in my early 20s. That rear engine was great for straight line traction, but loved to get ahead of you on snowy bends.

However, the Smart ForTwo Cabrio has just sparked a re-run never seen before – a fuzzy one in black and white where Mum 'drove' my pram and stuffed a dummy in my gob.

In fact, I considered sticking a dummy in my mouth while test driving the crop-top city car, partly for a laugh and partly as a disguise.

Don't get me wrong. The Smart is a laudable attempt to curb motoring excess, but the jury is out on street cred and the cabrio version does most to undermine the case for the defence.

A KOS Media car park hearing made the point. One colleague bravely championed the Smart's pros with the line: "It probably delivers everything a single bloke might want if he lived in the city..."

"...except a girlfriend," quipped another.

Style watchers may tell you that the little Smart is even more 'in' in Milan and other

DrivingReview



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SmartForTwo Cabrio

Italian cities than the outrageously chic and homegrown Fiat 500, but it awaits credibility breakthrough here.

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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.2 S 3dr: Urban - 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban - 61.4 (4.6), Combined - 51.4 (5.5). CO₂ emissions 132g/km. Captiva 2.4 Petrol LS 5-seat: Urban - 23.5 (12.0), Extra-urban - 39.8 (7.1), Combined - 31.7 (8.9). CO₂ emissions 217g/km. Matiz 0.8 S 5dr: Urban - 43.5 (6.5), Extra-urban - 68.9 (4.1), Combined - 56.5 (5.0). CO₂ emissions 119g/km.



averages 80+mpg and escapes road tax due to low CO2 output.

But the Smart has a new rival, in name and fact – the Toyota IQ. Just a hand span longer than the German two-seater, the Toyota can seat three adults and squeeze a little ‘un in as well.

It also drives more conventionally, as Toyota has kept weight low to reduce pitching that grows as a car’s wheelbase is shortened.

The current second generation Smart is far better than the 2000 vintage Mark I, but acceleration in full auto mode still causes what I call ‘nodding dog syndrome’, with driver and passenger emulating those ornamental dogs that once adorned rear parcel shelves.

Familiarity teaches you to back-off the throttle just before the gearbox changes up, but it is preferable to select gears manually most of the time and engage auto only when in slow-moving traffic.

The Smart is also more entertaining when hustled manually, by flicking the floor-mounted shift or, if fitted, steering wheel paddles.

Despite its relative height, the car does not roll into bends as you might expect either, though spirited driving can make it hop about

a bit – albeit in a safe and predictable way.

But the Smart’s forté is town centre or second car convenience and economy.

It can be parked nose or tail into the kerb – though the second generation is slightly longer than the original – and it will seat two adults comfortably.

Interior trim cannot match that of Daimler group sister brand Mercedes-Benz, though relatively steep Smart prices suggest the difference should be less than it is, but the planning and layout are exceptional for a compact car.

This time around the boot is also bigger and

DrivingStats

- Smart ForTwo Cabrio Pulse mhd £10,181
- Range: £8,273-15,307
- Garage stats: 2.69m by 1.56m two-door convertible
- Powertrain: 999cc/71bhp three-cylinder petrol engine driving the rear wheels through a five-speed auto gearbox
- Performance: top speed 90mph and 0-62mph in 13.3 seconds.
- How green?: band-B(£35/year) road tax - 105g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 64.2mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): ****
- Fuel tank: 33 litres/7.3 gallons
- Insurance group: 4
- Warranty: two years/unlimited miles
- Website: www.smart.com
- Rivals: Chevrolet Matiz, Citroën C1, Fiat Panda or 500, Ford Ka, Hyundai i10, Kia Picanto, Nissan Pixo, Perodua Kelisa, Peugeot 107, Proton Savvy, Renault Twingo, Suzuki Alto, Toyota IQ or Aygo and VW Fox

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CITROEN
C3, 1.1i Desire 5dr, iv05wrf, citroen c3 1.1i desire, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2005 05 reg, 16, 453 miles, blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, traction control, insurance group: 9, this is the 7 seat car, seven seater, p/x welcome, blue, £4795, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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NISSAN

NOTE, 1.4 Acenta 5dr, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2008 08 reg, 4,382 miles, black, abs, air con, alloys, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group: 4, £8,490, black, £8490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

107, 1.0 Sport XS 3dr, gj07tuv, peugeot 107 1.0 sport xs, 3 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2007 07 reg, 9,800 miles, black, 1 owner, abs, alloys, driver airbag, electric windows, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group: 1, stripes, was £6995 £5,995 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

207, 1.4 Urban 3dr, peugeot manual, hatchback, petrol, 2007 57 reg, 4,587 miles, blue, 1 owner, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, insurance group: 3, £5,995 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

207, 1.6 HDi 90 Sport 3dr, manual, hatchback, diesel, 2007 07 reg, 18,000 miles, metallic blue, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, con, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, sports seats. insurance group: 5, £7,795 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

307, 2.0 S 2dr Auto "Parking Sensors", automatic, cabriolet, petrol, 2006 06 reg, 32,000 miles, metallic black, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group: 11, £9,495 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, 1.2 16V Campus Sport i-music 2007 3dr, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2006 56 reg, 16,000 miles, metallic blue, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, alloys, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group: 3, £5,495 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, 2.0 16V Initiale 5dr, gj08fmb, renault laguna 2.0 16v initiale, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2008 08 reg, 7,000 miles, metallic silver, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, navigation system, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group: 12, £12,495 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

SMART

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TVR

CHIMAERA, [no trim], 1998, fsh, new tax, green, 45000 miles, £12000, NEAL GALLBALY, CANTERBURY, KENT, 01227 700583 (PRIVATE)

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YARIS, 1.3 VVT-i TR 5dr MMT, 5 doors, automatic, hatchback, petrol, 2008 08 reg, 10,000 miles, metallic silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests.

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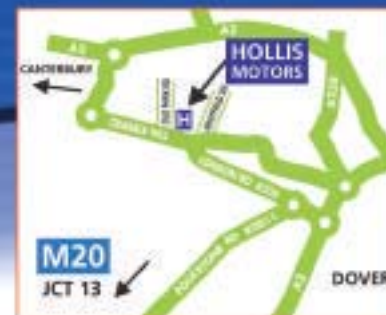
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**CARDY****EXCLUSIVE**By **TONY PATEY**

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DRAMATIC developments in the distribution of newspapers in Kent could spell big problems for newsagents – especially in rural areas – and already changes have claimed 150 jobs.

The news comes at a time when newsagent organisations are calling for action by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

The county is becoming the testbed for two new ways of distribution by Rupert Murdoch's News International (NI) media giant and newsagents are reported to be unhappy.

The main test being carried out by NI, which prints the Sun, the Times, Sunday Times and the News of the World, involves every newsagent – about 1,200 – with those titles being delivered direct through its own local distributor, T Weller Wholesale, from July 6.

But this will be done in tandem with distribution of other publications and titles by the nation's two biggest distributors, John Menzies and Smith's News, and means newsagents will now have to cough up two lots of cash. Nationally, NI is conducting two trials

Media giant's plans rattle newsagents

on these lines. The other is in the South West.

Already there has been one major casualty. National news distribution firm Dawson Holdings has gone under because it lost its NI deal plus a raft of other big-name contracts. That has put about 150 workers out of a job at its Rochester hub.

The second test involves mainly north Kent newsagents, who will get direct delivery by NI from its Broomfield printing plant, but newsagents will still face the same problems

of double payment.

NI is also trying out a third idea – but just within the M25 area – of delivering direct to customers who pay by subscription. The National Federation of Retail Newsagents says its members have no choice about the double payment and are very unhappy.

A spokesman said newsagents may be led to weigh up the cost of distribution against what they get from customers for NI titles, and if it's not worth their while they may refuse to stock

them. That would restrict the range of titles available and could lead to fewer people going into the shops, which would have a negative knock-on effect on takings. Rural retail experts are worried the whole idea could escalate, with the end result that many newsagents might find themselves under threat of closure, especially in rural areas.

Sean Carter, Kent's leading rural retail advisor, is discussing the problem with the federation. "I want to try to ensure news distribution is not affected for rural areas and to safeguard future supplies for rural retailers," he said.

It's not just worries about distribution. If the M25 direct-to-customer experiment takes off elsewhere that would immediately affect newsagents. And there's nothing to stop other national newspaper groups doing their own thing. Meantime, hundreds of newsagents across Britain have signed a petition calling on the OFT to protect their future.

They say Britain's independent newsagents could soon be "consigned to history" if the OFT doesn't act now to prevent more from going bankrupt. Latest figures from the federation show that 510 members went bankrupt last year, an increase on the previous year when 482 newsagents were forced to close for good.

Stefan Wojciechowski, head of news and magazines at the federation, said: "Every day I hear from members telling me they are worried about their future, and every day I have to tell them they have every right to be worried."

No shortage of work for expanding consultancy



BUSY TIMES: Richard Metcalfe says diversity is key to the success of MHS

A KENT-based building consultancy says it has never been so busy, despite tough times in the construction industry.

Metcalfe Stanley Hicks is opening a second office in Essex, marking expansion into the social housing sector at a time when many firms are reducing in size.

Based in Hadlow, the building, surveying and construction project manager said that even if new building was in decline, problems arising in connection with existing buildings were certainly not.

Clients seeking help with dilapidations, listed buildings, party wall disputes, due diligence, insurance claims and refurbishments have been providing the firm with a steady stream of work.

It also manages a number of projects for housing associations, further education col-

leges and the health sector, and continues to work with architects, managing agents, solicitors, NHS trusts, local authorities and a major church diocese.

Richard Metcalfe, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and principal of MSH, said the secret was not putting all your eggs in one basket.

"The only way to protect yourself from an economic downturn in this business is to diversify.

"Get a reputation for being good at a number of things so if one or two areas dry up, you've still got plenty to be going on with.

"But that doesn't mean you can take your eye off the ball. In these cost-conscious times, keeping to budget when you're managing a project and making savings is paramount."

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Compromise to ease rent quarter day pain

WITH the second rent quarter day fast approaching on June 24, the number of insolvencies is likely to rise sharply as tenants are unable to meet their debts, warns debt recovery specialist Martin Kingman, pictured left.

Mr Kingman, debt recovery and insolvency manager at law firm

Furley Page, said: "The situation in the last year has shown us that regardless of the size of a business – from a multinational household chain to a small trading unit – no-one is safe from the worldwide slowdown.

Landlords are facing tough choices about recovering overdue

rent while tenants are struggling to make ends meet. The last thing either party wants is vacant premises."

His advice is to act quickly, urging landlords and tenants to seek a compromise such as opting for a payment holiday or deferred payment with a personal guarantee.

Playing a waiting game can end in disaster as insolvency on either side severely hampers scope for 'doing deals', he said.

The British Retail Consortium is running a campaign to replace quarter days with monthly billing, making cashflow more manageable, he added.

It's Chootta's little matter of £1 million

A COMPANY less than a year old is on the prowl for £1 million of new capital after being named as one of the top 20 e-startups in Europe, *writes Tony Patey.*

Three postgraduate computing students at the University of Kent set up Chootta – meaning 'little' in Sinhalese – after trying to solve the problem of controlling all the different types of communication channels there are today.

Last month in London, the firm – formed by Sebastien Marion from France, Sri Lankan Pulitha Liyanagama and German-born Philipp Mohr – entered Seedcamp 2009, an annual event that brings together Europe's top young web-based technology entrepreneurs and world-class developers, investors and mentors.

It faced fierce competition to be chosen as one

of the top 20 – now it's seeking £1m to take it to the next stage of development. Its product is called Comufy – an amalgam of communication and unify – a web-based platform for controlling multiple communication channels.

Mr Marion said: "People are losing control of their communications because of the increasing number of accounts they have to manage.

"These include social networks such as Facebook, MySpace, Bebo, Orkut and LinkedIn, instant messengers, email messaging and phone communications, including mobile, office and home phones. This problem is likely to keep growing but Comufy will allow users to control how they want to receive communications, for example, depending on who the sender is or the time of day."

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Lessons for landlords from Facebook party

By **TONY PATEY**editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

CAROLYN Lorimer let out her Folkestone flat to a young couple, but one day on internet social networking website Facebook she saw photographs of a wild party.

To her shock and surprise, she recognised the venue as her flat. The tables being danced on were hers, holes in the plaster had been punched through her walls and a television set had been upended in her sitting room.

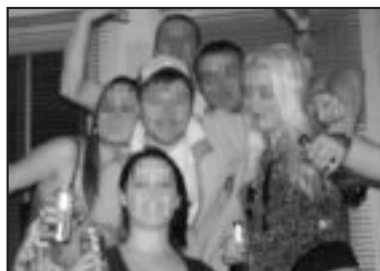
So she started the legal process to evict the couple. But the tenants fled, leaving her thousands of pounds out of pocket.

Ms Lorimer, a former estate agent, later said: "It's the first flat I have ever let out and I never expected this. It's been a nightmare. When I logged on to Facebook and saw the pictures I was shocked. I recognised it as my flat straight away and I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It looked like a slum."

Ms Lorimer – who declined to name the letting agency or the tenants – said the Folkestone-based agency had assured her the couple moving into her two-bedroom property were pleasant and well behaved.

KOS Media asked Ron Turner, senior legal executive in the commercial team at Kent law firm Buss Murton, to analyse the case.

"Delinquent tenants are nothing new, nor are the legal means of evicting them, but discovering on a social networking site that



FLAT BROKE: But who picks up the tab after unruly tenants have disappeared?

the flat you have let to an otherwise engaging couple has been trashed, may well be a first.

"There are some steps that can be taken to minimise the impact of a bad experience with tenants, although there can be no guarantee that a landlord will come out of the experience unscathed.

"Before you start, get decent references for all the potential tenants. If a lettings agency is helping you, make sure they have a good reputation and ask to see the references. Don't be rushed into anything until you're absolutely satisfied.

"Make sure the version of the tenancy agreement that is being used is up to date and has at least all the basic clauses in it and that all the preliminary legal requirements have been dealt with.

"Take a deposit. Since 2007 a government scheme has been in place designed to help protect both landlords and tenants. The money can be used to help cover the cost of damage caused by a tenant and in the event of a dispute, an independent assessor

will review the position. Make sure the property is regularly and professionally inspected – a good agent will do this for you.

"Insure your own contents as well as the building against malicious damage and for any legal costs you may have if you need to obtain a possession order. You can also insure against arrears of rent along with a variety of other potential risks.

"Insist on tenants subscribing to utility accounts in their own name, otherwise you will be liable for them.

"Problems with tenants don't only come to light after the tenancy has ended. If there are arrears of rent, or the tenants don't observe the essential tenancy conditions, a landlord will need to get a possession order from a court to end the tenancy early and obtain a judgment for the money owed by the tenant.

"Sometimes a tenant may have arrears and simply disappear. The court can be asked to give a judgment for those arrears.

"Insurance might help with the legal costs, but often arrears under a judgment remain unpaid. The landlord, having already suffered a financial loss, then faces the prospect of spending more enforcing the judgment which takes them back to the beginning.

"A decent reference will have a former contact address, possibly of a parent or other relative. The tenant may not be found at that address but information might be available as to his or her whereabouts.

"Once found, there is a variety of enforcement steps that can be taken, depending on the tenant's circumstances, but none are guaranteed to produce all or any of the money owed, especially if the tenant has other judgments."

So, does your performance measure up?

EMPLOYERS can leave themselves open to a number of possible attacks and problems if they don't have some kind of employee performance management or measurement.

That was the key outcome of a recent monthly breakfast forum organised by Employment Relations solicitors.

Tony Bertin, of the Elham-based firm, said: "Performance management is probably the biggest single area of omission that we see.

"In the absence of regular performance management, and performance management that is honestly and dispassionately undertaken, it can be difficult to select employees for redundancy, dismiss an employee on capability grounds and resist claims for discrimination."

Different companies have different reasons for managing performance – it's not one size fits all.

Communication

Forum members suggested they manage performance to set objectives, to define standards and competences so they can be accurately measured and performance improved, to provide excellent customer service, to improve internal communication and make their company happy and successful.

Some even said they did it because others did and felt they should too. They agreed that the starting point should be to establish clear targets for the following six months or year aligned with a firm's business plan.

Said Mr Bertin: "Appropriate monitoring will lead to higher productivity through enhanced performance. It will increase profitability, but must suit the needs of each individual organisation.

"It is better to have a simple assessment system that is easy to understand, commands respect and is delivered regularly, than highly sophisticated tools that neither appraiser nor appraised can understand.

"Managers must be trained to manage performance effectively and employees must understand why it is done."

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CAPTURING carbon from power stations has become a hot topic in more than one sense when it comes to tackling climate change.

As a new technological idea it holds out the prospect of great hopes, but it's still at the blueprint stage and there seems to be no real indication if it will really work.

This lack of positive proof is why we are seeing so many protests at Kingsnorth power station, where the use of carbon capture has been put forward as a key plank in the proposed developments there.

Plans for a lauded new "cleaner coal-fired power station" at Kingsnorth would make it

From wind power, nuclear, coal, CHP, carbon capture and storage, Kent has a key role to play in helping plug the UK's energy gap

the first of its kind in the country.

But it is only one part of a massive jigsaw in the contentious and controversial arena of energy production.

While the debate over the future of Kingsnorth continues, there remains the fact that the UK is facing a looming energy gap and time is running out to plug it. And Kent will be playing a major part in solving that problem.

The county has a long tradition of being at the forefront of meeting the country's energy needs and that role is set to continue with Kent playing host to a new wave of electricity generation projects.

Strategically the county is well located for supplying London and the South East – the UK's major consumers of power. Its long shore-

HIGH AND MIGHTY: Kingsnorth power station on the Hoo Peninsula has drawn criticism over plans for a new coal-fired plant



The long view

line has meant easy access to the cooling water needed by power stations and until the 1980s the Kent coalfield was a major supplier of one of the key raw materials needed in electricity generation.

The last colliery, Betteshanger, near Deal, closed in 1989 and the legacy of this history of electricity generation can be seen in closed power stations, such as Richborough with its

huge cooling towers – also home to a now-defunct experimental wind turbine – and older generation plants such as Dungeness A and B, Littlebrook, Grain and Kingsnorth.

And more recent power stations such as Damhead Creek and Medway bear witness to the country's dash for gas in the 1990s.

There is also the incinerator at Allington, using the county's rubbish to produce electric-

ity, as well as the combined heat and power (CHP) plants in operation at Aylesford Newsprint and Kemsley paper mill.

The latter also illustrate how the power industry is integrated into the wider Kent economy. Not only do the paper mills host CHP plants but they also export their waste sludge for use as biomass. Meanwhile, waste products from power generation – such as ash – can be used by the construction industry. Now Kent is once again set to take the UK into a new era of power generation combining a mix of technologies.

Onshore, Little Cheyne Court wind farm – the largest in the South East – is nearing completion and next year will start producing enough power to meet the needs of about 33,000 homes.

Offshore, the 90MW wind farm off Whitstable will be dwarfed by the proposed 300MW Thanet offshore wind project and the 1,000MW London Array wind farm – the world's largest – being brought forward by a consortium consisting of German-owned E.on, Danish renewables specialist DONG and Middle East-based investment fund Masdar.

Also onshore, E.on is building a new gas-fired power station at Grain, which will export its waste heat to the National Grid Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) – itself a significant new element in the country's infrastructure – making it the largest CHP project in the country.

Apart from the possibilities of carbon cap-



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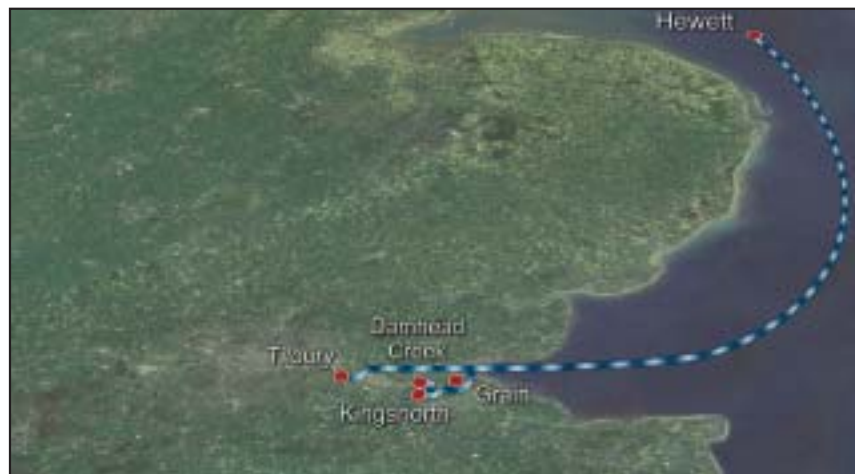
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ture and storage and district heating, also on the horizon Dungeness is a contender as the site for a new nuclear power station.

Many projects have provoked strong local opposition. However, there is no doubt the potential benefits are huge. Power stations are major infrastructure projects and could pump hundreds of millions of pounds as well as jobs into the Kent economy.

The £55 million cost of Little Cheyne Court pales into insignificance compared with the estimated £780m for Thanet offshore wind, the £500m for Grain, up to £3 billion for London Array, the £1.5bn for Kingsnorth and the £3-4bn investment required to build a nuclear power station. Advocates say there are major long-term benefits in the form of jobs for onsite staff and contractors as well as "softer" benefits for community funds.

However, there are still potential long-term problems to be sorted out, not least how captured carbon dioxide would be transported from power stations and got rid of.

E.on has conducted a review into potential what it calls "clusters" for the UK which would share carbon dioxide pipelines to depleted gas fields. In the South East, a Thames cluster could see carbon emissions from major emitters on the Thames and Medway estuaries connected to a shared pipeline transporting the gas to depleted fields in the southern North Sea.

E.on says: "While in the first instance, a Thames cluster will allow the energy industry to massively reduce its carbon impact, it

also represents an opportunity for the whole of the South East to decarbonise – a truly world-leading opportunity for the UK."

It says benefits of a cluster approach are:

- Cost benefit of shared transportation infrastructure
 - A future-proof system that will allow new facilities to connect quickly to a carbon transportation system, much like the existing national grids for gas supplies and electricity transmission.
- Why a Thames Cluster? E.on says:
- The Greater London area is the largest consumer of energy in the UK
 - Projected growth in demand to 13,500MW in 2015 compared with 12,355MW today
 - Potential to link up eight major sites (seven power plants and one refinery) to transport 28 million tonnes of CO2 annually.

Where will the pipeline take the carbon dioxide? A number of routes have been reviewed for transporting to the Hewett gas field.

These include both overland and offshore routes, the latter of which, says E.on, has the added benefit of reducing the impact on environmentally sensitive and residential areas.

However, any route will have to take due consideration of, shipping lanes, offshore wind farms, installed pipelines and minimising the impact on the coastline.

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LOCAL support service manager Kay Mills of Hambrook & Johns funeral services has received a special award for her dedication and 20 years of service to her community.

Kay, pictured above, who has been working with local families in Folkestone for more than 20 years, was presented with her award by area general manager Lee Goacher.

She said: "It is a privilege for me to help bereaved families at their time of need."

Movers & Shakers

JANE Abbott has been appointed director of Benenden Hospital, near Cranbrook, the first woman to hold the post in the hospital's 102-year history.

Mrs Abbott, 47, joined the award-winning independent hospital six years ago as director of nursing and clinical services, and was acting hospital director until her recent appointment.

She began her nursing career training at Guy's Hospital and later specialised in renal care. One of her first tasks as head of the hospital was to welcome MP for Maidstone and the Weald, Ann Widdecombe, to open a new £2 million suite of single occupancy en-suite rooms for patients and an upgraded operating theatre.

Benenden Hospital recently won the award as top healthcare employer in the UK in the Health Service Journal and Nursing Times' prestigious Healthcare 100 list. This was the third year running that the hospital has won this award.

The hospital employs 450 staff.

It was founded in 1907 as a TB sanatorium for postal workers but, more than a century later, it provides healthcare for Benenden Healthcare Society members, private patients and NHS patients who can elect to have treatment there through the NHS GPs' Choose and Book scheme.



NEW ROLE: Jane Abbott of Benenden Hospital



MARK Coxon, pictured above, has joined Caxton Chartered Surveyors as director of industrial and office agency covering the Thames Gateway and Kent.

He studied for an estate management degree at University of Greenwich and trained with Mathews and Goodman in London before working with Frontier Estates, one of the Palmer Capital Group of property developers.

More recently he has been a Partner at Cushman and Wakefield, where he was with the industrial agency team.



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MEDWAY councillor Jane Chitty, who holds the portfolio for strategic development and economic growth, has presented GPC Clear Solutions with its ISO9001:2008 quality assurance certificate.

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COMPANIES in Thanet and Dover can call on the knowledge and experience of a newly appointed Business Link advisor who has a passion for customer service.

Alan Allman, pictured right, started his career in the City and qualifying in banking. He moved into the car finance industry and rose to director level with Ford before helping to set up Nissan's finance division.

In more recent times, he ran his own management consultancy and has a wealth of experience in most aspects of business advice spanning one-man start-up operations through to large multinational companies.

Mr Allman said: "As someone who has already worked through an economic downturn, I am able to advise first-hand on recessionary factors and give support where it is needed, especially to start-up ventures."

The Business Link service in Kent and Medway is delivered by Business Support Kent Community Interest Company.



FELICITY Somerville, director of care for The Abbeyfield Kent Society, has achieved an honours degree in dementia studies while continuing to carry out her duties with the society.

Felicity, 53, who lives at Newington, near Sittingbourne, has been with Abbeyfield for five years, during which time she has graduated from being a manager of one of the care homes, through head of care, to director of care.

The society provides residential care and sheltered accommodation for more than 400 elderly people in the South East. It has 10 care homes and seven sheltered housing schemes in Kent.

DESPITE the recent economic gloom, one family business in Littlebourne is taking on a major building project which will see a disused pub become an extension of a care home.

The King William IV pub will be linked to Littlebourne House, owned and run by Maralyn Hussein, and which caters for 41 people in the 18th century manor house.

She is responsible for the care of residents, her daughter Sophie is the administrator at the home, and son-in-law Michael Moreland is the business manager.

Ms Hussein, who has 30 years' nursing experience, bought the home in 1996 and over the years has developed the business from an original 16 rooms to 38.

Mr Moreland said: "We have grown the business to the point where we had nowhere else to expand, so when the pub next door closed it seemed too good an opportunity to miss."

"We wanted to integrate the building into the home and came up with the idea of a day centre. It was a shame the pub closed, but the

Raise your glasses to care home expansion

village has two other pubs and a working men's club.

"The benefit of the day centre is that the building will continue to play a valuable social role for older people in Littlebourne and the surrounding villages."

The building is in a conservation area and is Grade II listed, so the company has worked closely with Canterbury council and the architects to ensure the development is sympathetic. A new building will be erected on the site of the pub car park which, from the High Street, will appear to be three cottages. Inside howev-

er there will be 10 ensuite rooms and a lift.

The old pub will be the new day centre and a lounge and restaurant area. Four respite rooms will be built on the first floor.

Ms Hussein said: "We will be keeping a small bar at the site using some of the original fittings, so residents will be able to go across to the day centre for a social drink as well."

Barclays Commercial Bank has provided £400,000 funding for the development and relationship director Jon Gurney has worked closely with the business.

He said: "The success of Littlebourne House

is a testament to the family's expertise in this field and their focus on working in partnerships with clients and suppliers alike."

Mr Moreland said: "Some people may doubt the sense of starting a new building project at this time."

"My view is that if you are aiming to borrow money, interest rates are at a really good level and this opportunity is so good there was no value in just sitting on it."

The site is due to open in August and the expansion will swell the number of employees from 40 to 45.

Hill's growing reputation

THE Kings Hill development at West Malling continues to be a magnet for companies.

The latest corporate client is building services consultants Chapman Bathurst, which has relocated from Canterbury.

It employs more than 120 people and the company plans to expand having taken space at 35 Kings Hill Avenue.

Andrew Blevins, of developer Liberty Property Trust UK, said flexibility was one of Kings Hill's selling points.

"We have several office types and can provide space to suit small companies to large corporates," he said. "This means we are able to accommodate businesses on the park as they grow or downsize."

Kings Hill is a community with 6,000 people living in the residential village and 15 per cent of all households have at least one person employed by a business on site.

There are shops, restaurants, a pub and a coffee shop in Liberty Square, together with high street amenities such as a dry cleaner, post and packing warehouse, florist, hairdresser, chemist, optician, dentist, vet, estate agents and recruitment agency.

There is also a David Lloyd Leisure fitness club and an 18-hole golf course, day nursery and conference centre.

Park and pride

CAXTONS independent chartered surveyors has been appointed sole agents for the sale or let of a modern office suite on the John Wilson Business Park, Whitstable.

The first floor office suite has two parking spaces and is part of a larger unit fronting a quiet cul-de-sac. Additional parking is available.

The business park is seven miles from Canterbury and just south of Whitstable. Purchase price is £70,000, subject to contract. Alternatively, the offices are available to rent at £7,200 per annum (£600 pcm), on a



new and fully repairing and insuring lease for a term to be agreed.

There is a service charge of £80 a year and the property has a 99-year lease, which started on October 31, 1995.

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Timeline

Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear



1909 100 YEARS AGO: The 20th annual Tonbridge week saw 1,600 electric lights installed in the town centre, and a Venetian fete held to celebrate the occasion, but the week proved disastrous for Kent, who lost their 100 per cent record when they were beaten by Worcestershire.

Thousands flocked to the Angel Ground to see the championship leaders, but Kent collapsed in the face of some hostile bowling by Dick Burrows. More than 3,000 watched on day one as Worcestershire were all out for 240 and 6,000 attended the following day.

However, despite a partnership of 70 between Frank Wooley and Day, when the latter departed Kent slid to a deficit of 62.

Worcestershire made 154 in their second innings, setting Kent 217 to win but they collapsed to lose by 107 runs.



1959 50 YEARS AGO: SITTINGBOURNE proved Kent's most active movers in the transfer market, as they signed four players.

Ray Field, a keeper previously on the Brickies' books as an amateur was handed a contract and the club also recruited ex-Pompey striker Richard Pearson, Tonbridge full-back Richard Walton and ex-Millwall centre-half Desmond Quinn.

Dartford signed Colin Morhen from Bedford and Ralph Popple from Hereford United.

In cycling there was an interclub 25-mile time-trial between San Fairy Ann and Southborough Wheelers, which the Fairies women won, with Pat Hatcher and Maureen Walker beating Southborough by nearly five minutes.

San Fairy Ann's R. Manser won the 550 handicap and three-mile event in the Kent Track League meeting at Sittingbourne.

Elsewhere the former footballer George Haskens, of Horton Kirby Paper Mills, was selected to play bowls for England against Wales.



1984 25 YEARS AGO: SARAH Rowell tuned up for the Olympics with an impressive win in the Canterbury 10K.

The 21-year-old from Ryarsh, picked for the Los Angeles marathon, won in 34.17, which was more than a minute better than the previous year's time. After taking the Canterbury crown she was scheduled for an intensive training programme with Cliff Temple.

Cyclist Carole Gandy was fifth in the women's national 25-mile time-trial race, with 1.00.08, two minutes behind the winner and former world champion Beryl Burton. Cranbrook Bowls Club ended an eight-year duck when they finally won their own Gala Triples Tournament, beating 25 teams in the process.



Ant Tarchetti

County golfers fail to shine

PRINCE'S Golf Club hosted a dramatic finish to the Partypoker.com European Championship this week as Scott Jamieson clinched victory on a play-off.

The 25-year-old from Glasgow birdied the second extra hole to win the EuroPro Tour event, beating fellow Scotsman Elliot Saltman at the course in Sandwich.

Despite a host of local players

in the field the majority missed the cut, including Prince's professionals Zane Scotland and Ant Tarchetti. Herne Bay's Steven Tile, representing Royal Cinque Ports, was the highest local finisher in a share of 12th place.

The tour returns to Kent in August with the Virgin Atlantic 25th Anniversary Classic, held at Tudor Park near Maidstone.

Sidecar duo in Isle of Man TT horror smash

Duo in hospital after hare causes 160mph incident

By TOM HOWARD

FORMER Isle of Man TT winner Mark Cox is recovering in hospital after a high-speed accident forced the abandonment of the second sidecar race this week.

The 39-year-old from Rochester was riding with Manxman Nick Crowe in the when the incident occurred while in the lead during Wednesday's TT race.

Reports suggest a hare ran into the road and caused the sidecar to swerve and crash heavily on the approach to the village of Ballaugh during the opening lap of the three-lap race. It is believed the machine caught fire.

The race was immediately abandoned and withdrawn from the racing festival, with both 2008 winners Crowe and Cox airlifted to Nobles Hospital in Douglas.

Cox underwent an operation on his broken ankle on Thursday morning and may require surgery on his hip. Crowe, 38, remains in intensive care with multiple leg and arm fractures.

Maidstone's Steve Mercer, racing in the Superbike category, was also caught up in the incident, as his practice session was also abandoned. The 27-year-old, who was making his debut in the event, believes the pair had a lucky escape.



LUCKY TO BE ALIVE: Mark Cox (passenger) and Nick Crowe suffered broken bones in TT smash

He said: "The part of the course where they crashed is one of the fastest sections. They would have been going flat out in sixth gear at around 160mph. To come away with only broken bones is incredible."

Mercer has thoroughly enjoyed his debut at the event, finishing as the top rookie in both the Superbike and Supersport races this week.

He said: "It has been brilliant. I knew it was going to be tough, but to beat all other rookies who have come from all over the world is a great achievement."

With the second sidecar race abandoned, three-time world champion Tim Reeves will have to wait another year for TT glory.

The Tenterden-born rider finished third on his debut last year and after a slow start to this year's event, managed to claim fourth spot in the one and only race on Monday.

"Finishing in the top six at the TT is no mean feat but, to be honest, I'm really disappointed to have finished fourth," he said. "I was really hoping for more, but for some reason the bike was about 10mph down on the straights."

Mos a step up for ice hockey talent

INVICTA Dynamos are gathering a welcome reputation as a stepping stone for players aiming to break into the English Premier League (EPL), according to head coach Kevin Parrish.

Last week key defenders Ryan Giles and Adam Copland left the club to step up a level at EPL side Romford Raiders.

They followed in the footsteps of netminder Glen Jackson, who moved to the east London squad last December.

While admitting the pair would leave a big hole in his squad, Parrish feels their moves have done the Gillingham-based club's reputation no harm.

He told Kent on Sunday: "It shows it's not a bad stepping stone to have if guys come here for a couple of years, make their name and then go off to get EPL jobs."

"Ryan and Adam will be very difficult to replace, I wanted to keep them but you can't stand in their way when they want to play at a higher level."

Helped by the club's growing status for nurturing talent, Parrish has been inundated from all angles by players keen to try out for the Mos next season.

"The emails don't stop and although it's probably not very professional, my Facebook page has been extremely busy as well", he said.

With pre-season training less than two months away, next season's squad is beginning to take shape.

Tim Smith, Anthony Lennon and Jack Tarczycki are all expected to return after helping the club become league and national champions last season.

Their plans for the two import players are also progressing. Peter Vaisanen, a 25-year-old forward of Canadian and Finnish descent, has signed and is just waiting for the final paperwork to be cleared.

Parrish said: "He's played at a decent level and will give us something a bit different to what we've already got. Coming from the



STEP UP: Adam Copland (right) has moved up a league to EPL club Romford Raiders

NCAA [a collegiate competition] he'll be very hard working and have a good attitude."

A Swedish forward is also in talks with the club to bolster the line-up for next season.

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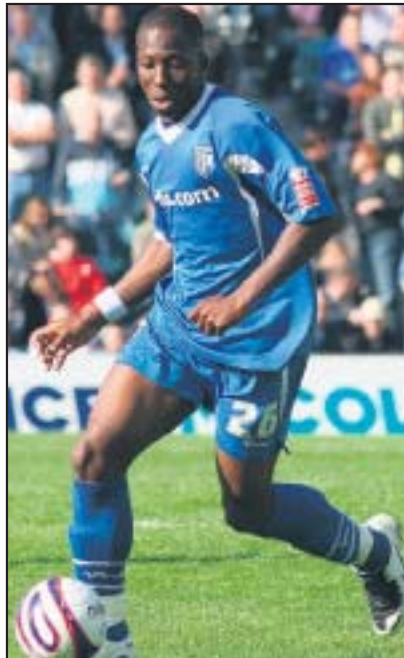
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INSTANT HIT: Chris Dickson enjoyed a successful loan spell at Priestfield

Gills fans want Dicko to return

Supporters hoping Addicks relegation won't prevent a return to Priestfield

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

STRIKER Chris Dickson tops Gillingham supporters' wish-list of summer transfer targets but Charlton's relegation may make such a move unlikely.

With the majority of players and staff away on holiday, the transfer market has gone quiet after an initial rush of activity following the Gills' play-off win last month.

Message boards are still busy with specula-

tion, but Alan Liptrott, co-editor of GillsConnect.com, says there is one clear favourite among the fans.

He said: "I think a lot of fans would like to see Chris Dickson back at Gillingham. He is somebody I would really like to come after what I saw of him during his loan spell, he was fantastic and we need a goalscorer."

Dickson, 24, netted 11 goals in 11 starts during a loan spell in 2007/2008 and has made no secret of his affection for the club.

He was in contact with manager Mark Stimson during the club's play-off run and watched the semi-final second leg victory against Rochdale at Priestfield last month.

Financial restraints

The livewire forward would fill a hole in the squad, but a move looks speculative.

Dickson was unhappy at a lack of football last season before featuring regularly in the Addicks' run-in.

Relegation and the club's financial restraints mean he is likely to play an even bigger role next season.

With a year left on his contract, Charlton are not going to let him leave on the cheap, especially to another side in League One.

Of the other players linked with the club, Liptrott is underwhelmed but it has not stopped him looking forward to next season.

He said: "Looking at those teams in League One it's great to think we'll be going to Leeds and Southampton rather than Macclesfield and Morecambe. I think it will be an exciting season."

TRANSFER TARGETS:

CHRIS DICKSON (Charlton Athletic): The striker (pictured left) gained cult status in a prolific loan spell at Priestfield 18 months ago. Would solve the club's search for a goalscorer and form a potentially lethal partnership with Simeon Jackson. Would require a fee, with Charlton unlikely to want to sell to another club in the same division. **Transfer chances: 1/5**

KEVIN MAHER (free agent):

A firm favourite with Stimson, who spent most of last summer attempting to sign the midfielder. At 32 he is not the bundle of energy the Gills boss usually prefers, but does offer quality in the middle which the team needs to make an impact in League One. Maher is considering an offer to sign on at Priestfield but appears in no rush to sign. **Transfer chances: 4/5**



GLENN POOLE (free agent):

The left-winger was released by League Two champions Brentford last month. Played under Stimson during an earlier spell at Grays Athletic and almost joined on loan in the spring. The Gills are looking for a left-winger, but is likely to be surplus to requirements if Andy Barcham signs a new deal. **Transfer chances: 2/5**



JOSH WRIGHT (Charlton):

joined the Gills on loan in March and got better with every game, culminating in a superb display in the play-off final. Keen to return to Priestfield after a lack of opportunities at Charlton, but the Gills may face competition. Wright would be a useful addition even if Maher joins, if they can prise him away from the Valley easily. **Transfer chances: 3/5**



Self belief drives Cavaday to biggest win of her career

NAOMI Cavaday overcame the frustration of missing out on a Wimbledon wild card by recording her biggest ever victory at the AEGON Classic this week.

The 20-year-old from Sidcup beat Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn, ranked 250 places above her at 47 in the world rankings, at the event in Birmingham.

Cavaday was delighted with the victory over last year's Wimbledon quarter-finalist, which she put down to her mental strength.

She told Ita.org.uk: "[Tanasugarn] has a great record on grass and has a great record full stop. The biggest thing was my belief. I never stopped believing in myself and that's what got me through during the tough times in the match."

"This is my best win in rankings terms as she is 47 in the world. My other best win was here in Birmingham too. I just love it here."

Her run was ended in the last 16 on Thursday by Switzerland's Stefanie Voegele.

It was the latest in a series of encouraging results for Cavaday, who missed three months at the end of last season with a post-viral infection. Since returning to competitive action in January, she has reached seven quarter-finals but is still struggling to make up for the lost ground in the world rankings suffered during her illness.

Sliding to sixth in Britain, she was overlooked by the Lawn Tennis Association for a wild card to Wimbledon, which starts a week tomorrow.



Picture: PA PHOTOS

MENTAL STRENGTH: Naomi Cavaday

After impressing in gutsy first round defeats against Martina Hingis and Venus Williams in the last two years – the latter on Centre Court – Cavaday's last hope for a third successive appearance is through final qualifying, held at Roehampton next week.

Cavaday's older brother Nick failed in his attempt to reach the final stage of the men's qualifying tournament, losing a quarter-final of the play-offs this week.

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SETANTA SPORTS

Conference clubs face bleak time if Setanta switch off

THE potential collapse of sports television broadcaster Setanta will hit Conference sides hard, according to Ebbsfleet chairman John Moules.

The Irish television broadcaster signed a five-year deal with the Football Conference to screen 79 games a season in 2006, which is worth an estimated £85,000 a year to Blue Square Premier sides.

The broadcaster is now on the verge of administration, following cash flow difficulties and falling subscription numbers.

With the Fleet amidst financial difficulties of their own, after only a third of the club's website owners chose to renew their subscriptions in February, the loss of television revenue could have a significant effect this season. Last season Fleet had three matches shown live on Setanta.

The club have already released a significantly reduced budget for the coming season, with a playing budget 50 per cent down on last year. Moules, however, insists the loss of television revenue will not hit Fleet as hard as other clubs.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I think it will hurt the Blue Square Premier sides, but I think it will hit some clubs harder than others."

"We have been prudent with our budget this season, so if Setanta does collapse it will not hit us as hard as other clubs. We knew the company had problems so we made allowances in the budget."



HAPPY DAYS: Fleet celebrate 2008 FA Trophy win

EBBSFLEET UTD'S SHRINKING SQUAD

- 1) Sam Mott Out of contract
- 2) Peter Hawkins Maidstone United
- 3) Michael Bostwick Stevenage (2008/2009)
- 4) Chukki Eribenne Sutton United (2008/2009)
- 5) Stacy Long Stevenage
- 6) Raphael Nade Released (2008/2009)
- 7) Charlie Hearn Recalled from loan
- 8) Dan Stubbs Margate (2008/2009)
- 9) Lee Maskell Released (2008/2009)
- 10) Neil Barrett Injured, no contract
- 11) George Purcell Released - Braintree Town
- 12) Paul McCarthy Player/assistant manager
- 13) James Smith Released - Farnborough
- 14) Lance Cronin On contract
- 15) Mark Ricketts Released - Woking
- 16) John Akinde Sold to Bristol City (2008/2009)
- 17) Danny Slatter Released - Billericay Town
- 18) Chris McPhee Weymouth (2008/2009)
- 19) Gary MacDonald Released - Bognor (2008/09)
- 20) Sacha Opinel Released - Farnborough
- 21) Luke Moore AFC Wimbledon

Where have they gone?

From Wembley winners to club in crisis in a year

By TOM HOWARD

A YEAR is a long time in football. Last summer Ebbsfleet United were celebrating FA Trophy glory at Wembley and now 12 months on, just two of the winning squad remain at the club.

The 2008 FA Trophy winners, owned by website MyFootballClub.co.uk, have been forced to release the majority of their squad, following financial difficulties which have seen the playing budget reduced to just £5,000 a week.

Fleet went into last season buoyed by their exploits after beating Torquay United 1-0 at Wembley last May, but ultimately failed to build on their success.

Fleet ended last season in 14th in the Blue Square Premier League.

The three senior players contracted to the club, goalkeeper Lance Cronin, defender Darius Charles and striker Michael Gash have attracted the attentions of rival clubs.

MyFc fans have already rejected two bids for Gash, including a £42,000 bid from Morecambe and an offer of £20,000 for Charles.

Fleet boss Liam Daish, who is set to sign a deal to stay at the club next week, is calling

for fans to contribute to the playing budget in a bid to avoid selling the remaining senior players.

He said: "It's coming to a critical point where I'm trying to build a side for the new season, but with the budget as it is, if you try to build the rest of the squad with just over £2,000 per week, it's going to be very, very difficult."

"So as much as I would love to keep Darius and Michael, looking at the bigger picture, with what could come in with transfer fees and freed up wages, it might be difficult to keep them."

"The next couple of weeks really are our last chance."

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SMASH HIT: Charlotte Edwards hit 61 as England beat India in their ICC World Twenty20 opener

Women show our boys how to play Twenty20

ENGLAND are on course for the semi-finals after a crushing 10-wicket win against India in their opening game of the ICC Women's World Twenty20.

Kent and England skipper Charlotte Edwards smashed an unbeaten 61 from 53 balls, including five fours and two sixes, to help her side chase down 113 with 26 balls to spare at Taunton on Thursday night.

England had earlier restricted India to 112 for 8, with Edwards claiming 1 for 23, before she returned to open the innings with Sarah Taylor and the pair saw England home with ease.

Edwards, together with Kent team-mate Lydia Greenway, have a chance to secure a berth in the semi-finals as they take on Sri Lanka this evening at Taunton.



POINTING THE WAY: Lydia Greenway and team-mates should reach the semi-finals

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Kent face tough decision over Parnell place

Club forced to keep overseas options open in case South African star fails to return

O By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT may have to look for an alternative overseas player should Wayne Parnell be unavailable to return to the St Lawrence Ground.

The 19-year-old fast bowler made an immediate impact in his short spell before joining up with the South Africa squad for the ICC World Twenty20, enough to leave Kent hoping he would return once the tournament ends at the end of the month.

Quality

With no overseas pro in their ranks and the county amidst a deluge of their own domestic Twenty20 Cup and championship games, Kent's director of cricket, Graham Ford admits the situation is far from ideal.

"It is a bit of a set-back going through this period without an overseas player because as you saw with Wayne Parnell, that sort of quality player does have an impact," he said. "That extra impact can help change a game or break a partnership, so it's quite hard work from that point of view."

"At all stages if you want to be success-

ful you would like to have a high quality international player in your ranks.

"He is certainly performing well on the international stage so he would definitely make an impact at our level, which he did when he was here, so to have him back would be fantastic."

While the county have expressed an interest in the left-arm quick returning to Canterbury, chairman George Kennedy told Kent on Sunday that discussions were unlikely to begin until the end of the tournament.

Having impressed for the Proteas in the competition thus far, Ford has expressed a reservation that Parnell's return may not be as cut and dried as first thought, and that Kent may have to explore other options.

"I'm pretty sure that because he has become such a valuable player for South Africa so quickly that we would certainly not get him for the whole time because they are going to really look after him," he said.

"They are really keen for him to develop his game but they also don't want to over work him. It would be great to have him for some of the time and when he's not available, find somebody who can make a similar impact."



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EXTRAS: Ryan McLaren was part of the Kent attack that bowled 14 no-balls

'No-ball problem is now an issue'

A WHOPPING 14 no-balls, worth 28 runs, were bowled by Kent at Grace Road in their County Championship game in the week with Graham Ford conceding it has become an "issue."

The Kent attack conceded a total of 53 extras as Leicestershire racked up 403 for 9. Ryan McLaren and Robbie Joseph shared 11 no-balls between them and it's not the first time the county have given their opposition at least a 50-run head start. In the penultimate championship game against Lancashire at Aigburth last season, Kent conceded 76 extras, which included 32 no-balls, as Rob Key's side went on to lose by 70 runs and with it their chance to win the Division One title.

The club's members have been particularly vocal in their condemnation on Kent's fans' forum and rather than papering over the cracks, the county's director of cricket has agreed with the criticism.

Unacceptable

"I can't explain it, if anything I have to agree with it, it's unacceptable to bowl that many no-balls," he said. "It seems to have been a problem at Kent, even before I arrived. In four-day cricket, when you are striving to take wickets and get that extra bit of pace, it's not so criminal, but the bowlers have bought into that fact that it's not acceptable."

Ford and coach Simon Willis, together with bowling coach Geoff Arnold, have discussed the problem with the bowlers and he admits it's an issue that must not go on any longer.

"Against Lancashire last season they were disappointing in the same area and this time around it's disappointing again," he said. "With the amount of preparation and practice our bowlers have it's something they should get right at this level."

"I know the bowlers will take that very seriously we had quite a serious chat about it and it's something we have got to take on as an issue."

Ford still awaiting contract talks

GRAHAM Ford's future at Kent remains unresolved as the county are yet to sit down and discuss a contract with the South African beyond this season.

The county's director of cricket is out of contract at the end of the summer and has already reached an agreement with South African state side, Nashua Dolphins, to return as their head coach next season.

While it's expected his involvement back in his native South Africa would

have no bearing on his role at Kent, the 48-year-old said he is yet to discuss an extension to his deal at Canterbury.

He said: "At this stage there haven't been any discussions, just brief ones with Graham Johnson [chairman of cricket] on my future. I'm sure that will happen in the next month or so, so with those discussions having not happened I can't say what's going to happen."

Every indication is that he will return to Canterbury, as chairman George Kennedy said the club had been

informed of Ford's desire to coach in South Africa and was expecting him to return to the county next season.

"Graham Ford is on contract with Kent until the end of the season and possibly beyond that," he said. "He told the club last week what he intends to do in coaching in South Africa and that's fine with us."

Having coached the Dolphins for a short period in 2006, Ford is looking forward to his new role, working with players such as Test batsman Hashim Amla.

He said: "It's a new challenge, they haven't had a particularly good time of it recently so it's going to be tough."

"I have been involved in the system for a while and had an understanding with them that when I'm available they use me in whatever department they feel I can have an impact. It's just a change of roles really."



IN HAND: Graham Ford is waiting to talk to Kent chiefs Picture: ADY KERRY

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KHAN HE DO IT?

Paceman in race against time to claim Ashes spot

EXCLUSIVE

By **GLENN PEARSON**

AMJAD Khan sees the chance to make a return to action this week as the first step towards regaining his England place in time for this summer's battle for the Ashes.

The Danish-born fast bowler is in line to take on Essex at Tunbridge Wells in the County Championship starting Tuesday, which if he does play, would see him return two weeks ahead of schedule.

The Kent and England quick suffered cartilage damage to his knee while on international duty in the Caribbean during the winter, forcing him out of the one-day series and the two Test series at home against the West Indies.

Physio

After working with Kent physio Nimmo Reid and England bowling coach Kevin Shine since then, Khan has worked his way back to fitness.

He stepped up his comeback in a 2nd XI game at Beckenham last week, which has put him in the frame for a first-team return at Tunbridge Wells this week.

In an interview with Kent on Sunday, Khan said that how he responds to the workout, in which he bowled 14 overs, will determine when he returns.

"I got a few overs under my belt but I've still got a bit of work to go," he said. "At this stage the more I do the stronger it will get, there might be a few reactions but you can play through it and take a few tablets."

"We'll wait for the weekend where I hope



RETURN: Amjad Khan is back after injury and hoping he has enough time to prove England selectors he is ready to take on the Aussies this summer

Picture: PA PHOTOS

to bowl again and then we'll make a decision at the beginning of the week."

As the 28-year-old battles to regain a place in the England side, Kent are sure to profit with Khan and Robbie Joseph spearheading the attack.

With just 24 days until the first Test against Australia in Cardiff, Khan knows the odds are stacked against him making that game, especially with both Graham Onions and Tim Bresnan seemingly ahead of him after good displays this summer.

"I think the Ashes sell themselves, but it might be too far too look at the moment," he said. "If I can get into the next champi-

onship game at Tunbridge Wells that would be a massive achievement. It's the first step of what is a big summer ahead.

"I also can't rush this and I know if it's not right I won't play.

"I have got to show real form to be pushing for a place, there will be a bit of an injury tag on me now because I have been out for a couple of months.

"I have to prove my fitness but if I can put in some really strong performances I can't see that harming my chances.

"Numbers and wickets and performances count for themselves and I have got to get the numbers right if I want to get in the team because I have none at the moment."

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Douglas picks up baton

MONTPELL Douglas will hope to push her claims for a place at the World Athletics Championships later this summer after being called up for the European Team Championships.

The 23-year-old was named in the Great Britain sprint relay squad for the event in Leiria, Portugal, next weekend. It is Douglas's first high-profile relay since being involved in a mix-up at in the Olympic 4x100 metre final last summer which saw Great Britain disqualified.

The call-up shows the Blackheath & Bromley athlete, who broke the national 100m record to make it to Beijing, is still in the selectors' thoughts ahead of the World Championships.

A good performance in Portugal would help her stake a claim for a place in the team for Berlin in August, an event second

only in importance to the Olympics.

Charles van Commenee, UK Athletics head coach, said: "We have selected every athlete purely on a performance basis and not on promise or potential.

"It is all about who are the best people for the job. We have selected the strongest possible team from athletes who are fit."

The European Team Championships are a revamped version of the European Cup. Under the new system the men's and women's teams will be combined and the top division expanded from eight teams to 12.

Ashford's Lisa Dobriskey, who finished fourth in the 1500m final in Beijing, did not make the team as she works her way towards full fitness after spending the winter recovering from a stress fracture in her lower back.



Picture: ADY KERRY

IN THE RUNNING: Sprinter Montell Douglas